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Yuletide Greetings

MAY WIPE OUT OLD NATIONAL STATE GUARD

Decision of Judge Advocate General of Army Will Be Strongly Fought

MAY BE DISCHARGED

Army Official Says Guard Men Should Be Given Honorable Discharge

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 24.—Under an opinion of the judge advocate general of the United States Army, approved by Secretary of War Baker, officers and enlisted men of the national guard will revert to civilian status when discharged from the army. The effect of the decision is to practically wipe out the national guard as it existed prior to the war. The practice of the department, since demobilization began, is to honorably discharge officers and men from the service in just the same manner as men in the regular and national armies, to return to their peace occupations.

To Contest Ruling
If this practice is continued in every case it will end every national guard unit with the exception of a few which were organized after the war and were drafted into the national service. If the organizations can be mustered out without discharges it will not make the re-organization of the national guards necessary, and doubtless this will be sought insistently by famous old guard units with treasured histories and traditions. No announcement of the policy of the war department has been made.

WILL REORGANIZE GUARD IN ILLINOIS

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Illinois national guard will be reorganized when the men which comprised it return and the identity of the old organizations can be reestablished, according to an announcement made at Adjutant General Dickson's office today, following the receipt of word from Washington that a decision of the judge advocate general of the U. S. Army would wipe out the old guard as it existed before the war.

FOLLOWS BROTHER IN DEATH WITHIN WEEK

ERNEST MANNING DIED AT HOSPITAL YESTERDAY—BROTHER DIED A WEEK AGO

Ernest Manning, whose brother Everett was a victim of pneumonia following influenza at the Dixon hospital a week ago yesterday, passed away at the same institution from the same disease yesterday, his death being just one week later than his brother's. Because of the serious illness of the father, James Manning, of Amboy, funeral arrangements could not be made today, but it was announced that as soon as the father is well enough the body will be taken to Shelbyville for burial. The young man was born in Shelby county, Aug. 23, 1903, being a little over fifteen years of age.

SHERIFF NOT TO BLAME FOR DEATH

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 23.—In one of the shortest inquests ever held in Muskegon county, the jury tonight held that Milo H. Piper, who took his own life in a cell at the county jail Saturday night while awaiting trial on a charge of murdering Miss Freida Weichmann of Chicago, came to his death by strangulation at his own hands. The jury exonerated Sheriff Carl Stauffer and his deputies. The inquest lasted less than thirty minutes.

WILSON SEES PREMIER

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Paris, Dec. 24.—President Wilson spent this morning in conference with Premier Clemenceau.

AND WILL SOME HEROD OF NATIONAL AMBITIOUS DESTROY THIS OR POLITICAL JEAL-



BOLSHEVIKI BEATEN IN SERBIAN BATTLE

Loyal Russians Are Pursuing Disorganized Reds North Toward Perm

MAY BRING REUNION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Defeat of the Bolshevik army on the Ekaterinburg front in a decisive battle by an army of loyal Russians, was reported Monday in an official dispatch to the Russian embassy from the Omsk government.

The message said the disorganized Bolsheviks were retreating northward toward Perm, and that this was the first independent action of moment against the Bolsheviks and part of a campaign that was expected to unite some of the loyal districts of Russia and Siberia. Much war equipment and booty was captured. The embassy also was informed that Attaman Dutoff, commanding the Cossack troops of the Orenburg region, had asked Gen. Memonoff to submit to the authority of Admiral Kolchak, dictator of the Omsk government. It was indicated in the cablegram that the people of Siberia were united in support of Kolchak.

CLAIMS LARGEST PER CENT FAMILY

L. L. LeFever, of Palmyra township, comes forward with a claim of having the largest family in Lee county, all the members of which have enrolled with the American Red Cross. Mr. LeFever's family numbers fifteen and their Red Cross service flag contains that number of stars, one being a blue star for a boy in the service.

PVT. LAMBERT IN HOBOKEN

Mrs. Ella Reese, 85 Madison ave., has received a message from her son, Dale Lambert, announcing his arrival at Hoboken, N. J., from overseas, where he has been in service with Uncle Sam's fighters. The message gave no indication of the probable time of the young soldier's arrival in Dixon.

SAY WETS USED TOO MUCH MONEY

The Anti-Saloon forces dropped an aerial torpedo into the speakership muss yesterday by charging that the liquor crowd had offered a \$5,000 bribe each to at least two of the legislators-elect if they would vote to refer the federal constitutional amendment back to the voters.

The charge was answered by some of the wet leaders by declaring that it was in their opinion, an air attack, and a "hot air" charge at that.

"WOUNDED UNIT" AT CAMP GRANT GROWS

MANY CONVALESCENT SOLDIERS ARE BEING SENT TO ROCKFORD FROM THE EAST

Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., Dec. 24.—Twenty-five wounded men, direct from an Atlantic port, arrived at Camp Grant yesterday and joined the overseas convalescent unit which now totals over 300. Ninety patients and seven attendants direct from shipboard have left Newport News, Va., and are expected to arrive here Christmas day.

Up to date there have been discharged at Camp Grant 12,614 men, with last week's addition of 4,927. Capt. Earl B. Stone, personnel adjutant, also sent 3,101 men and twenty officers to other camps for discharge.

BOLSHEVIKI ARE GAINING GROUND

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Stockholm, Dec. 24.—The Bolsheviks are making a continued progress in their penetration of Esthonia, according to the official statement of the Esthonian republic of Monday. They have taken Dorpat and have driven the Esthonian forces back on a front northeast of Lake Peipus. The German forces in Esthonia are continuing to fall back on Riga.

LICENSED TO WED

A marriage permit has been issued by County Clerk Dimick to Arthur F. Herr of Clifton township, Bureau county, and Miss Luella E. Lemmer, of Sublette.

POLO BOY ON TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST; 3054

Pvt. Benjamin F. Groves Is Listed Among Soldiers Wounded Severely

168 FROM THIS STATE

The names of 85 Illinois soldiers were included in the casualty report issued by the War Department this afternoon, the summary of which is: Killed in action, 274; died of wounds, 206; died of accident and other causes, 18; died of airplane accident, 9; died of disease, 144; wounded severely, 612; wounded (degree undetermined), 13; missing in action, 299. Total, 1,580.

Section one of today's report was: Killed in action, 171; died of wounds, 69; died of disease, 143; wounded severely, 669; wounded (degree undetermined), 89; missing in action, 333. Total, 1,474. Among the 83 Illinois men mentioned in the report are:

Pvt. Benjamin F. Groves, son of Mrs. Mary Groves of Polo; wounded severely.

Pvt. John C. Madden, of Mendota; died of wounds.

Pvt. William H. Rhode, Coleta; killed in action.

MAJ. BRINTON IS HOME; TO RETURN

Major Bradford Brinton, who recently returned to the United States from France, arrived in Dixon today for a 12-day visit with his wife and parents, Col. and Mrs. W. B. Brinton. He was unable to secure an immediate discharge from the service, and must return to Washington at the expiration of his furlough.

EX-RUSS MINISTER IS NOT DESIRABLE

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Paris, Dec. 24.—Paul N. Milukoff, former Russian foreign minister, who was accused last July of Germanophile leanings, has been obliged to leave Paris, according to the Matin. His presence in France has been found unnecessary. Prof. Milukoff obtained his passport for Paris at Constantinople by mistake, the paper says.

COLD WAVE IS FOLLOWING ON HEELS OF DAYS SNOW AND WIND

WEATHER MAN FORECASTS IT FOR XMAS DAY

Storm Was General Throughout Mississippi Valley Weather Map Shows

15 INCHES IN KANSAS

Business Greatly Hampered—Trains Late—Livestock Market Is Tied Up

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 24.—The weather map showed snow and cold weather prevailing all over the country of the Mississippi Valley, with the exception of parts of the south. While the weather man frankly confessed he was not proud of his job he promised somewhat better conditions for Christmas day.

The storm, which started in the western gulf regions, is manifesting itself in heavy snow along the way, and was central south of Chicago. Trains were delayed by the damp, wet snow and street car traffic, notably in Kansas City, Mo., and in Chicago, was curtailed, as were the delivery services of the large stores with their vast burden of Christmas goods.

Fifteen inches in Kansas. In southern Kansas fifteen inches of snow fell, while from nine to twelve inches were reported from Oklahoma, western Missouri, Arkansas and the Texas panhandle.

The storm reached Chicago early this morning and thousands were forced to walk to their work. The live stock market was quiet because of the non-arrival of trains, and on the Board of Trade business was almost at a standstill owing to the inability of many brokers to get down town.

According to the weather bureau a cold wave is bringing up the rear of the storm.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Springfield was the center of the district in which the storm is sweeping over the central valley, and the weather bureau promises a "white Christmas" for Illinois, Iowa and neighboring states. Rain, mixed with snow was falling over the central part of the state this morning with the promise by the weather bureau that the rain would disappear in a few ours.

GERMANY'S SEA OFFICIALS OUT

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—Vice-Admiral Hipper, commander in chief of the German high seas fleet; Vice-Admiral Bachmann, commander of the Baltic fleet, and Capt. Hinks, director of docks at Keil, have been dismissed, according to advices from Berlin.

(Hipper headed the commission which arranged the details of the surrender of the German ships to the allies in the North Sea.)

CONGRESS STARTS HOLIDAY RECESS

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 24.—Congress began its Christmas recess today. The senate, after passing the war revenue bill at a late session last night, started a series of three-day recesses which will continue until Jan. 2, and the house adjourned this morning after the failure to muster a quorum block debate on the rivers and harbors bill. The conferences on the war revenue bill are expected to begin Jan. 2.

Atty. George Dixon has returned from a professional visit at Alledo.

THE WEATHER

TUESDAY, DEC. 24.
By Associated Press Leased Wire
Illinois—Partly cloudy and much colder tonight with snow; cold wave in southwest; Wednesday, generally fair; colder in southeast.

GOVT. INVESTIGATOR



ATTY. C. B. MORRISON

Dixon attorney, who conducted first grand jury investigation of the "beef trust," has been named as special assistant to Attorney General Gregory to assist in the federal investigation of the Chicago packers which has just been started.

DIXON ATTORNEY IS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO U. S. ATTY. GENERAL

C. B. Morrison, Of This City To Assist In Investigation of Packers

WAS IN A FORMER QUIZ

Conducted First Grand Jury Investigation of the So-Called "Trust"

Announcement has been made in Chicago that Attorney Charles B. Morrison of this city, who conducted the first grand jury investigation of the "beef trust," has been made a special assistant to Attorney General Gregory, to co-operate with Oliver E. Pagan, attorney for the department of justice, and United States District Attorney Charles F. Clyne, in the investigation of the Chicago packers, which has just been inaugurated. Mr. Morrison, with Mr. Pagan and Mr. Clyne, has already launched into the preliminaries of the investigation. Yesterday more great boxes of the evidence used by the federal trade commission in the compilation of its recent sensational report, arrived at the federal building.

(Continued on page 5.)

ROBBERS MADE A BIG JEWELRY HAUL

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—The American Jewelry Co. was robbed by four men early today of \$50,000 in diamonds and \$850,000 in cash. The clerk was held up at the point of a gun, was forced to open the vault, was then knocked unconscious with the butt of a revolver and left in the vault. The robbers escaped in an automobile. The loss is covered by insurance.

The Louis Scholl family of near Wausong are recovering after all being ill of influenza.

WINTERS SNOW AND WIND CAME WITH INTENSITY

The Fretters Over "White Christmas" Can Now Cease Worrying

HURTS XMAS BUSINESS

Roads Are In Some Cases Almost Impassable For Rural Traffic

Winter burst upon the community suddenly and with an earnestness that left no doubt of its intention during the night, when with a drop in the temperature and a strong wind from the north, snow began falling, giving the people of this vicinity a touch of the blizzards which completely paralyzed business last winter.

Forecasts of what was in store were given evening shoppers Monday when the wind, steadily growing colder, increased in intensity and blew light snow into the faces of the tardy Christmas buyers. The wind increased during the night and at about 3 o'clock the snow began falling heavily.

Traffic Impeded.
By 6 o'clock this morning between three and four inches of the "beautiful" had fallen while the high wind caused it to drift badly. The result was hard going for automobiles and many early morning drivers were forced to shovel their cars out of drifts while en route to the business part of the town.

The through trains on the North-western were from three to six hours late during the day and the local trains also had difficulty in maintaining their schedules because of the high winds and the drifts. The S. D. & E. got its cars running about 7:30 o'clock but efforts to maintain schedule during the morning hours were futile.

Rural Carriers Suffer.
Rural mail carriers were unable to make their trips in autos, and were forced to fall back to the old reliable horses and wagons. Many of the country roads were in terrible condition, inasmuch as they were wet and muddy before the snow fell, and the storm merely augmented the severe conditions.

Later in the morning the fall of snow had diminished, but the wind continued to blow with great force and roads drifted up almost as soon as they could be opened.

Hurts Business.
As a result of the storm many eleventh hour Christmas shoppers were kept from making their purchases, and merchants states that their holiday business has been seriously affected.

SAY CLARK WILL BE CANDIDATE

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Washington, Dec. 24.—Friends of Speaker Champ Clark announced today that the speaker would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency in 1920, although no formal announcement may be expected for some time. Mr. Clark said in answer to an inquiry: "I have no announcement to make except that I know nothing about it."

According to stories prevalent throughout the capitol Clark will be supported by William Jennings Bryan, having reconciled the differences which broke out at the Baltimore convention in 1912 when Bryan threw his support to Wilson.

HOME ON FURLOUGH
Francis Haynes, of Langley Field, Hampton, Va., is home for a short visit with relatives.

EVERYBODY IN OUR HOUSE WISHES

EVERYBODY IN YOUR HOUSE
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The FAMILY THEATRE

Activities
at the
Dixon Assn.



Of Interest
To All
Its Friends

MEMBERSHIP FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS

As a special mark of appreciation of their services for the country, and because all of them have become accustomed to the Y. M. C. A. the officers of the local association have determined to offer a three months membership to all returning soldiers.

All the soldiers are required to do is to call at the building, give the information concerning their unit in the army, their length of service, etc. and they will be given membership cards entitling them to free access to all the privileges of the building for three months.

The official hope for wide acceptance of this offer and accordingly

relatives of all soldiers are asked to acquaint the returning boys with the opportunity.

Indoor Baseball

Thursday evening at 7:15 o'clock a meeting of all who are interested in indoor baseball will be held at the gym for the purpose of organizing a church league in that sport. Practice games will be played after the meeting.

Volley Ball Practice

The business men's volleyball teams met at 5:15 yesterday afternoon for practice. Several very promising players being developed in this game.

1916 made an appropriation of \$75,000,000 for the improvement of Federal aid roads throughout the United States. The allotment of Illinois from this fund amounted to \$3,300,000 and the State of Illinois pledged itself to provide an equal amount in accordance with the law. Upon the request of the Federal Department of Agriculture, the Division of Highways, selected five routes to be improved with this fund, namely:

The National Old Trails Road, The Lincoln Highway, The Chicago-St. Louis Road (by way of Joliet, LaSalle, Peoria and Springfield).

The Dixie Highway, The Chicago-Waukegan Road (running from Chicago to the Wisconsin state line).

These roads were approved by the Department of Agriculture and it was expected that a reasonable part of the system would be completed in 1918. In order to bring this about, all the counties along the line of these routes, either through a tax levy or a county bond issue, provided a fund equal to the state's appropriation, or approximately one-third of the entire sum, to assist in the improvement of the roads through their respective counties. Surveys were made and we were prepared to carry on a considerable portion of this improvement in 1918 but were prevented from doing so by reason of the embargo upon all highway construction due to war conditions.

The Federal Government is now insisting upon this work being resumed as speedily as possible. This fact will not interfere with our beginning work upon the balance of the bond issue system as soon as cost of construction is reasonable and definite locations can be made together with other necessary engineering work.

The people of the state realize that we cannot improve all of these roads the first year. Just how rapidly we can carry on this work will depend largely upon the supply of labor and materials and the number of contractors with efficiently organized forces. It should be realized that as road work has been practically at a standstill for several years, the organizations of road contractors have been depleted to such an extent that it will take considerable time for them to reorganize sufficiently to undertake work on a large scale.

We desire to get this work under way as rapidly as possible, consistent with good business management and ask your continued cooperation.

FRANK I. BENNETT, Director.

WATTS TAXI MEN GUESTS AT SPREAD

In appreciation of the fine service his employees have given him during the year Earl Watts, proprietor of the Watts' Taxi Service last evening entertained them at a banquet at the Saratoga restaurant. A fine turkey banquet was prepared by John Young, proprietor of the Saratoga and the taxi men certainly did it justice. Each man found a Christmas gift of cash beside his plate when he sat down to the spread.

The Detweiler family of west of Waukegan, the members of which have been ill of the influenza, are recovering.

FOR STUBBORN COUGHS AND COLDS

Dr. King's New Discovery has a fifty year record behind it

It built its reputation on its production of positive results, on its success in relieving the throat irritation of colds, coughs, grippe and bronchitis attacks.

"Dr. King's New Discovery? Why, my folks wouldn't use anything else." That's the general nation-wide estimate in which this well-known remedy is held. Its action is prompt, its taste pleasant, its relief gratifying.

Half a century of cold and cough checking. All druggists, 60c and \$1.20.

Bowels Out of Order?

That's nature calling for relief. Assist her in her daily duties with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Not a purgative in the usual dose, but a mild, effective, corrective, laxative that teases the bowels into action. 25c.

Reasons for Failure of Heating Systems

By J. D. HOFFMAN

(From Paper Presented at the Meeting of the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers, in Buffalo, New York)

The time has come for a campaign of education for more satisfactory heating and ventilation in the homes of our country. Some means should be found through which to educate the public to demand and see that they get more satisfactory heat in their homes.

Heretofore heating engineers have peacefully endeavored to fit their heating and ventilating system into ill-conceived and poorly constructed houses and have trusted to their ability as engineers to overcome the handicap imposed upon the systems by architects or constructors who knew little and cared less about the requirements of home comfort. Now that the stress of severe winter is approaching we may ask ourselves: What and how may the heating and ventilating engineers do to assist in laying the foundation of a more effective economy in the years just ahead?

I have especially in mind some of those conditions (principally residential) that not only work against economic heating, but absolutely prevent it in a large number of cases. Some of these conditions are due to the mistakes of the architect with knowledge and foresight or otherwise, some of them to those of the heating man (or hardware man) who installs the system, and some to those of the householder who, practicing false economy, is not willing to pay the price of good work.

In most of the ordinary balloon-framed houses the sheathing is very inferior in grade and loosely butted at the edges, when there should be solid boards and lap joints. Some of the houses have no building paper or its equivalent, some have one course of the building paper and a few have two, but very few courses are laid with care to serve as an insulation. Two courses of paper in face contact are, it should be stated, inferior to one course with the sheathing and one course woven in and over the studding; or, to one course with the sheathing and one course on the inside of the studding, with stripplings under the laths to bring the plaster free from the paper surface. Again, suppose the wall is well protected against leakage, but the upper and lower ends of the spaces between the studs are open; in this case there is freer convection of air upward between the inner and outer layers of the wall and the heat that should be kept within the room is dissipated to the open air current and lost to the attic, and the conditions are worse than the open wall in that the heat is lost and there is no corresponding physical benefit from leakage.

Another feature of house design that is frequently fatal to the plans of the heating engineer is the overhanging room with only one thickness of seven-eighth-inch flooring on the room and light ceiling over the porch. This always gives a cold floor that is not only uncomfortable to the occupants, but eliminates heating possibilities on cold days. These remarks do not apply, of course, to sleeping porches with no heat. If an overhanging room is desired, be sure to provide for a well-insulated floor.

One feature of house construction that reflects against the builder rather than the architect is the loose construction around the windows. The owner wishes free moving sash and the workmen give him everything he could desire in this regard. But how about the person who is expected to inhabit the room on a zero day when the wind is blowing a 20-mile velocity? I have caught snow in my hand at a distance of two feet from a tightly locked window in a house supposed to have better than ordinary construction. Window strips, metal weather strips and storm windows may be urged. Storm windows, top hung, give satisfactory insulation during the cold days and at the same time provide ventilating possibilities on moderate days. An average nine-room house can be supplied with good storm windows, west, north and east, for an expenditure of from \$75 to \$100, and the coal saving will pay for the first cost in two years' time. Such storm windows are no hindrance to open-window ventilation when desired.

Next, let us look at the chimney. Several points in common practice among architects tend toward inefficiency. The outside chimney, in spite of its possibilities toward exterior ornamentation, is not a good draft producer because of the chilling effect of the outside air.

Another point, chargeable principally to the owner, is the low basement ceiling that reduces the pitch of the steam mains or warm-air leaders to a minimum. If the average householder realized the importance of extra pitch to the pipes in the basement, he would let loose of enough additional capital to guarantee a ceiling height of eight feet instead of six feet, as is so often found.

Is it not possible to develop a campaign of education in such a way that the average man who may be contemplating building himself a little home may become more informed on these vital points that are so necessary to co-ordinating the heating and ventilating features with the building construction, and in that way develop an independent thinker who will not be swayed by the unscrupulous promoter or the uninformed individual who frequently poses as an architect or engineer?

May the time soon come when we will build our houses to serve as homes and not as private cantonments.

SENATE PASSED BIG REVENUE BILL; WILL GO TO CONFERENCE

Measure Was Passed At the
Night Session of Upper
House of Congress

CUT THE ZONE RATES

Sustained Previous Action
Repealing Existing Second
Class Rates

Washington, Dec. 24.—The senate last night passed the revenue bill, after defeating the LaFollette substitute which was urged in a three-hour speech by the Wisconsin senator. The bill, which is designed to raise \$6,000,000,000 for the year 1919 and \$4,000,000,000 for the year 1920, with incomes and excess profits as the chief sources, was expected to be sent to conference today.

The measure, as it passed the house provided only for one year, and was calculated to raise \$8,000,000,000. That was several months before the declaration of the armistice. The house now is expected to agree to the senate reductions in the provisions suggested by former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, for reduced taxes to cover the fiscal year 1920.

Eliminate Zone Rates
On a final vote of 41 to 22 the senate sustained its previous action in approving the committee amendment to repeal the existing zone rates on second class mail matter and substitute a rate of one cent a pound within 150 miles and 1-1/2 cents a pound to points beyond that distance.

MRS. KAECKLER DIED LAST NIGHT

Mrs. Merve Knecker died last night of influenza at her home near Oregon. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cupp, prominent residents of Franklin Grove, and well known in Dixon. She leaves besides her parents, a husband, nine children and two brothers, Edward and Henry Cupp, of Franklin Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Kaeckler at one time resided between Amboy and Franklin Grove.

PICTURESQUE BARS OF OLD WEST ARE GOING

Were At One Time Important
Feature In Social
Life of Pioneers

THE FIRST INDUSTRIES

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Helena, Mont., Dec. 24.—Statewide prohibition goes into effect in Montana at midnight of December 31, this year. With the passing of the saloon there will disappear one of the picturesque institutions of the west. At one time the saloon was an important feature in the social life of the hardy pioneers of the Treasure state.

In the early days when men were blazing the western trails, the saloon followed them and, as a rule, was among the first industries to set up and transact business in the community. With a canvas for a top and a board bridging two boxes for a bar, hospitality at so much a drink was dispensed to the argonauts.

As communities prospered the owner of the saloon or "half way house" waxed prosperous in proportion. The barkeeper's was a strenuous life, for those who sought the cheer he dispensed included miners, cowboys, Indian fighters, cattlemen, sheepmen, the renegade and the ne'er do well. Revolvers more often than not, were the arbiters of disputes. The barkeeper's armament lay on the bar within handy reach and in full sight of the perhaps too ebullient customer to remind him that there were limits within which he must confine his celebration.

Shot Up Towns
Cowpunchers, after months on the prairies looking after cattle, free of restraint and their pockets full of money, rode into town scarcely discernible in a cloud of dust, punctuated with the flash of fire and report of revolvers. Like a tornado they swirled up to the front of the saloon, reined their ponies back on their haunches and sometimes rode in through the swinging doors. These were profitable days for the barkeeper, but he must needs be a diplomat if his place remained intact.

Hard on the heels of the saloon came the gambler with the tools of his trade. Then followed the dance hall adjunct which brought with it the "orchestra," such as it was, or the automatic musical machines. All were part and parcel of the saloon.

Some of the modern saloons in the state's larger cities were elaborate in their fixtures, furniture and decorations. Until a few years ago Butte had a buffet whose entire floor was inlaid with imitation dollar coins, entirely natural in appearance.

amco.
Bartenders in the state with other saloon employees, number about five thousand at the present time. A large percentage of saloons will continue in business, either with soft drinks or lunch, or both; or as bowling alleys, pool halls or shooting galleries, and it is thought most of the saloon employees will be retained while the experiment is being tried. Several of the larger breweries will turn to making artificial ice. Others, it is planned, will dry vegetables.

EXERCISES IN FRANKLIN GROVE
The young people of the Methodist church of Franklin Grove gave a very interesting program last evening. The attendance was large and the little people of the congregation and Sunday school were made happy by the Christmas tree and the gifts it bore. This evening the Presbyterian church of Franklin Grove will have a tree and appropriate Christmas exercises.

CHRISTMAS DANCE.
The Shoemakers' Pleasure club will give a Christmas dance at Rosbrook's hall Wednesday night. Music by Logan's orchestra of Rock Falls. 296-12

OLD-TIME COLD CURE— DRINK HOT TEA!

Get a small package of Hamburg Breast Tea at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoon full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking up a cold.

Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

RUB RHEUMATISM FROM STIFF ACHING JOINTS

Rub Soreness from joints and muscles with a small trial bottle of old St. Jacobs Liniment

Stop "dosing" Rheumatism. It's pain only; not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Liniment" right on the "tender spot," and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain. "St. Jacobs Liniment" is a harmless rheumatism cure which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache, neuralgia. Limber up! Get a 30 cent bottle of old-time, honest "St. Jacobs Liniment" from any drug store, and in a moment you'll be free from pains, aches and stiffness. Don't suffer! Rub rheumatism away.

CLOSING OUT SALE

The undersigned, intending to quit farming, will hold a closing out sale at his place of residence on the A. L. Barlow farm, 1-1/2 miles east of Dixon, along Lincoln Highway, on

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

COMMENCING AT 1 O'CLOCK SHARP

4-HEAD WORK HORSES-4

1-COW-1

FARM MACHINERY

Consisting of 1 8-foot Deering grain binder, with tongue truck, good as new; 16 Knife Janesville disc harrow; 3 section drag; P. & O. corn planter with 80 rods of wire; 1 Tower corn plow; 1 walking corn plow; 1 18-inch walking plow; 1 Climax seeder; 3 wagons; 1 new broad tire wagon with top box; 1 bob sled; 1 hay rack; 1 surry; 1 four-horse double tree; 4 sets double harness—2 sets double work harness, 2 sets double driving harness; 1 single harness. About 2 tons hay in barn. Forks, spades, shovels, scoops, 1 milk tank, lot of old iron.

MOST ALL OF THIS MACHINERY IS GOOD AS NEW

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of \$10.00 or under, cash. All over \$10.00, a credit of ten months' time will be given on bankable note bearing 7 per cent from date of sale. No property to be removed until settled for. **THE BURRO WHICH WAS DONATED TO THE RED CROSS AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE**

HARVEY W. STEVENS

IRA RUTT, Auctioneer,
CLIFFORD GRAY, Clerk.

SOCIETY

COMING EVENTS

WITH SISTER—

Mrs. Lester Hoyle of Palmyra, spent the day yesterday with Mr. Hoyle's sister, Mrs. Egford Etnyre of Dixon.

GAVE GOOD ENTERTAINMENT—

The pupils of the Oak Forest school, under the direction of the teacher, Miss Grace Coursey, gave a delightful Christmas entertainment last evening. The program was excellent, a diversified one of dialogues, playlets and songs. A fair crowd was present, considering the stormy evening and the fear of influenza. The schoolhouse was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors and greens and an outstanding feature was a handsome Christmas tree, laden with gifts. At the close of the program the teacher took up a collection for the war orphans, and nearly \$3.00 was collected in spite of the fact that the collection came as a surprise.

CHRISTMAS DANCE—

A Christmas dance will be given by the Dixonian orchestra in the new armory on Christmas night. The hall will be decorated in flags for the occasion and it is hoped that the large number, who have participated in the other dances given recently by the orchestra will attend Christmas night.

FROM CITY FOR CHRISTMAS—

Mr. and Mrs. John Dille of Chicago, will spend Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. D. Crabtree.

AT CHRISTMAS DINNER—

Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Bardwell will entertain at dinner tomorrow Mrs. Masten and daughter, Miss Mabel and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leake.

FROM EVANSTON—

Mrs. Kenneth Burgess and baby are here from Evanston, the guests of Mrs. Burgess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Todd. Mr. Burgess will arrive this evening.

ENSIGN BACHELDER HOME—

Ensign John Batchelder is home to spend Christmas with his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Batchelder.

CHRISTMAS AT PRESBYTERIAN—

The Christmas exercises of the Presbyterian Sunday school, following the program given below, will be held this evening at 7:00 o'clock at the church. All are invited: Invocation—Entire school. Reading of scripture—Rev. Tibball. Choir. Reading of the service flag list—Walter Moses. "The First Service Star"—Dorothy Raymond. Song—"The De Haven quartet." Song—"Santa Claus Heralds." "Merry Christmas"—Howard Bird. Song—"Cornelia Alice Miller." "A Greeting"—Dorothy Trowbridge. Song—"Jamie Tibball." "Ring the Bells Christmas"—Five girls. "Mrs. Santa Claus' Plan"—William Edwards. Song—"The De Haven children." "A Boy's Gift"—Edward Worley. "When I Awoke"—Jessie Louise Tibball. Song—"Marie Worley." "The Star of Bethlehem"—Lucia Morris. "Wide Awake"—Barbara Weelake. Song—"Why do Bells at Christmas Ring." "Merry Christmas"—Marvel Schoenholz. Solo and chorus—Hazel Greer. "Rocking Our Dollies to Sleep"—Five little girls. "Come Again"—Mary Kennedy. "Hark, the Heralds Angels Sing"—Audience. Gifts from the school.

TO JACKSON, MICH.—

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bertoli and daughter, Betty, will leave today for Chicago where they will spend Christmas. On Thursday they will go to Jackson, Mich., to spend holiday week and the week following.

TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE—

Henry Kottenbrink of Ackley, Ia., is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Louise Gerdes. He will remain during the holidays. Tuesday evening there will be a Christmas tree entertainment and there will be a number of guests present, including Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerdes and son, Mrs. Hannah Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Benj McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gerdes and two sons, Harold and William.

M. E. AID SOCIETY—

The regular monthly meeting of the Aid Society of the Methodist church will be held in the Epworth league rooms of the church on Friday at 2:30 p. m.

CHRISTMAS WITH BROTHER—

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cummins plan to go to Chicago to spend Christmas with the latter's brother, S. L. Hazeldine. They expect to return to Dixon Monday.

AT F. X. NEWCOMER HOME—

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walgren and family of Chicago, will be here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Newcomer.

FROM DEKALB—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fordham are expected to come this evening from DeKalb to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fordham.

WEEK-END GUESTS—

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hickey of Chicago, came Friday and were guests until Sunday evening at the home of Mr. Burdick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Burdick.

THE WIFE

By JANE PHELPS

RUTH IS CHARMED WITH MRS. LIVINGSTONE

CHAPTER CXXVIII.

Ruth kept the appointment the next morning, and found Mrs. Livingstone a very delightful middle-aged woman. One of the many women of social prominence who was giving not only her money, but her entire time to war work. They took to each other at once, and Ruth felt no hesitancy in talking of her plans. She explained that it was because her own baby had been born after her husband had gone overseas, that she was particularly interested in the wives of soldiers who were similarly situated. Before she left for the shop she had a list of five or six to look up, some of whom Mrs. Livingstone said might very urgently need help.

"Two kinds of help," she had said with a winning smile. "The help that money brings; and that which sympathy brings. Some of them, poor things, are naturally terribly depressed. Many of them have no one to whom to turn for either sympathy or for diversion. They will welcome you because you are young, and because you, thru having the same experience, know just how they feel. I am glad you are taking up this work. Even tho it is home work, it is none the less war work."

She then spoke of money being needed, and Ruth told her of her aunt's interest, and that she was abundantly able to assist her financially. But, even so, Mrs. Livingstone made Ruth promise to come to her if she needed help of any kind.

"She was perfectly lovely!" Ruth said with enthusiasm when she told her aunt of her call on Mrs. Livingstone.

"She is charming. And has promised to help me all she can. She entirely approves of what I want to do, and has given me a list of young wives and mothers to visit," she told Mr. Mandel.

"I knew you would get on with her. I have known her a long time. She is one of New York's four hundred. Not only because of her money and birth, but because of her good heart."

Ruth lost no time in locating the people on her list. With one exception, they were young women, like herself, and the child their first, as Brian was hers. The exception was the one most in need of financial assistance. She had two little ones, just toddlers, and the third had come the day before her man sailed.

"It was Tim's wish to have a boy, and when the boy came he wasn't here to see him. Not that he didn't

like the girls; he was that fond of them. But he had set his heart on having a boy, and now likely as not he never will see him. He'll be killed maybe."

"You must not feel that way," Ruth said to her, then told her of her own little Brian, whom his father also never had seen. Before she left the poor little Irishwoman was not quite so hopeless, and Ruth, in trying to cheer her, had intruded herself also.

If Ruth had been busy before, now she was overloaded. She neglected nothing at the shop, but daily, almost, her list of mothers grew. She never had an unoccupied minute. Her aunt declared she would make herself ill; and Mandel tried to make her take her outside work in a rational manner. But Ruth stubbornly refused to save herself. Altho she did not concede it, she felt, in a way, that she was atoning for keeping the news that he had a son from Brian by doing all she could for the wives and babies of those other soldiers who, like Brian, never had seen, perhaps never would see, their children born after they left.

Whenever she tried to instill hope in some young mother's heart she always had an unexpressed fear in her own. Often as she assured them that Tim, or John, or George, would probably come back safe and sound, she would have to swallow hard to rid herself of the lump in her own throat at the thought that perhaps Brian—her man—might not return.

But her work among these young women did her good. She forgot to lie awake and wonder if Brian had seen Mollie King that day, and, if so, under what circumstances. She was wearied to exhaustion with her combined duties and her charitable work. She slept almost as soon as she touched the pillow.

Little Brian was growing wonderfully like his father. So like him, that Ruth often looked at the tiny face and wondered if he would be as much like Brian in other things as he was in looks. In some things she hoped he would; she hesitated in her thought when she thought of other traits.

"I hope you will be good and brave and—strong," she said to him as she held him closely in her arms. What she meant by "strong" perhaps she herself could not have told. Yet, in that hesitation, she had put her complaint against Brian—her feeling that he was not quite all she wanted her boy—his son—to be.

(To be continued)

FROLICKERS' PARTY—

The Frolickers' club have planned a delightful party to be given Christmas night at the new Armory hall.

PARTY FOR STUDENTS—

Messdames Harry Roe, E. J. Countryman, C. H. Ives, A. A. Rowland, E. H. English, L. W. Newcomer, E. B. Raymond and W. C. Durkes will be hostesses at a party to be given at the new armory on Friday evening for the young people who are home from the colleges and universities for the holidays.

CHRISTMAS DINNER GUESTS—

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Burdick will entertain at dinner tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Abner Barlow and son, Edwin.

FOOD SALE—

The Kingdom-Bend Aid Society will hold a food sale Saturday in the Sterling Bros. drug store.

FROM ASHTON—

Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber and little twin daughters, of Ashton, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Schreiber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stevens of east of town.

AT PALMYRA HOME—

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mensch will entertain at dinner tomorrow at their home in Palmyra township Mr. and Mrs. John Mensch and daughters, the Misses Evelyn and Iva, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williams and son, Elmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott McCleary, Roy McCleary, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meppin and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mensch.

FROM DENTAL COLLEGE—

Raymond Worsley of the Illinois Dental college, Chicago, is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Worsley.

FROM COLORADO—

George C. Norgate of Pueblo, Colo., is here to spend Christmas with his sister at the Charles E. Miller home on W. Chamberlain street.

AT DR. WORSLEY HOME—

H. H. Eby, of Mendota, is here to spend Christmas at the Dr. Worsley home. He will also spend the remainder of the winter in Dixon.

TO IOWA HOME—

Miss Martha Boeckh, domestic science teach of the Dixon high school, was able to leave for her home in Iowa last evening after a severe illness. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Bernice Boeckh, of Sycamore.

Don't Turn Out Your Toes Or You'll Get Flat Feet; High Heels No Guarantee

Do you turn your toes out farther than necessary when you walk? A good many people do, asserts an expert, and there are two reasons why the practice is a bad one—for one thing, it gives an awkward and affected gait, which may even be a mining gait if the habit is very pronounced; for another thing, it is apt to produce flatfoot, that unsightly and often painful disability.

One hears a good deal about flat-foot these days, and it is shocking how many otherwise able and efficient candidates for the army have to be turned down by physical examiners because of this disability—flatfoot. So much attention is being paid to the welfare of the foot now that flatfoot is likely to be far less prevalent in the next generation, but those who have been fortunate enough to escape the trouble so far in this generation should be very careful not to let it come upon them.

The common causes of flatfoot are improper shoes and faulty ways of walking or standing. Flatfoot will not be prevented, as many women seem to fancy, by the continuous wearing of high heels. There are people who wear heelless tennis shoes all summer long without injury to the arch of the foot. It all depends on the way one steps. Barefoot people for the most part walk with the toes pointing straight forward—if anything a trifle inward. The Indian always walks in this way; so—if you will note—does the barefoot lad in the country. The toes in this method of walking get a firm grip on the ground and help to propel the body forward.

To avoid flatfoot wear supple, roomy shoes and take care not to toe out excessively. Make all the toes do their work in propelling the body forward.

German Birth Rate Shows a Drop of Forty Per Cent Since Beginning of War

The birth rate in Germany for 1916 fell off 40 per cent from the figures for the year 1913, according to Dr. Charles Greene Cumston of the University of Geneva, writing in the New York Medical Journal.

Doctor Cumston's figures are taken from a report prepared by the intelligence department of the local government board of Switzerland. Doctor Cumston says in part:

"During the war there has been a heavy fall in the German birth rate. The first three years of the war alone reduced by more than 2,000,000 the number of infants who would have been born had peace prevailed. I would add that the infantile death rate has been kept well down, but is 50 per cent higher than in England."

The birth rate, which had risen from 36.1 per 1,000 inhabitants in the decade 1841-1850, to 39.1 in the period 1871-1880, fell in the succeeding decades to 36.8, 36.1 and 31.9. The rate for the last year of the decade 1901-1910 was 30 per 1,000 inhabitants, and the continuance of the fall brought the rate as low as 28.3 in 1912. In 1913 there were 1,839,000 live births. In Germany, in 1916, there were only 1,103,000, a decrease of 40 per cent as compared with 1913.

Musical Notes.

Some musicians have sharp eyes and flat feet.

Of course the sharp eyes are the more essential. Unless a fellow can C natural he may play off key.

Most any musician can pass a double bar without stopping if he is pressed for time.

Bill Shakespeare must have been at least a dub musician or he couldn't have written "Measure for Measure."

Man is like a violin. Somebody is always stringing him. And he is also like the string—soon broke.

Must Purchase Sugar Every 15 Days Instead of Weekly

Approximately 20,000,000 pounds of sugar will be saved per year by a new ruling of the food administration which will prevent anyone from obtaining more than two pounds of sugar per month. Many people were unconsciously breaking the regulations regarding the distribution of sugar by purchasing their sugar on the basis of one-half pound per capita per week. On this basis of four weeks to the month there would be only 48 weeks to the year, or 336 days. This would leave 29 days, or practically another month, during which sugar would be consumed on a basis of two pounds per capita. With a population of 100,000,000 people this would require about an additional 200,000,000 pounds of sugar. The new regulation requires the consumer to purchase his allotment of sugar every fifteen days, or semi-monthly, rather than every week.

Increases of Food Prices.

Retail prices of food increased 4 per cent from August 15 to September 15; 14 per cent from September, 1917, to September, 1918, and 72 per cent from September, 1918, to September, 1918, the bureau of labor statistics announced. The increases were determined from reports by retail dealers of 28 articles of food.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—

A Christmas program will be given at the Sugar Grove church this evening.

DIXON MAN IS LOCKED IN BARN

Thomas Carroll of this city had an unusual experience last evening when, while driving a team home to the Clifford Poisel farm in Nelson township, where he is employed, he drove off the road at a culvert on the Rock Island road, and because he had been drinking, was locked in a barn by George Clayton until Sheriff Schoenholz arrived. One horse fell off the culvert in such a way that it required the work of several men to get it out, while the other broke loose and ran away, being caught about a mile from the scene. Mr. Poisel was notified and got his vehicle and horses later in the evening, while the sheriff brought Carroll back to Dixon.

PITZER FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral of Clifford Pitzer, only son of John Pitzer, of Nachusa township, who passed away at the Lincoln, Ill., hospital Saturday, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Preston funeral chapel, Rev. F. D. Altman officiating, and with burial in Oakwood.

TO INVESTIGATE Y. M. C. A.

By Associated Press Leased Wire
New York, Dec. 24.—Wide-spread complaints on the part of homecoming American soldiers of excessive charges for services in Y. M. C. A. canteens overseas, will be referred to the War Department for investigation. Declaring that it wanted to "know all its short comings" and that "if we are not delivering the goods after the way the people have supported us we should be made to do so," John R. Mott, head of the War War Council, stated today all specific complaints will be laid before the war department for investigation.

PADEREWSKI IN COPENHAGEN

By Associated Press Leased Wire
Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—Ignace Paderewski, famous Polish pianist, who sailed from New York for England Nov. 23, with power of attorney to act for all Polish committees in the United States, arrived here today on a British cruiser which was placed at his disposal by the British government. The cruiser sailed at once for Danzig. A local newspaper expresses the belief that Paderewski is delegated to found a new Polish government under the entente protection.



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ABE MARTIN



"I reckon th' president 'll have a
hard time findin' six or seven men t'
succeed McAdoo," said Uncle Niles
Turner. Nothin' makes a good danc-
er as mad as bein' tied at home with
a baby.

NEW MEMBERS OF
HOSPITAL BOARD

At this morning's meeting of the
city council filling of vacancies on
the board of directors of the Dixon
hospital was the only thing of mo-
ment to come before the commis-
sioners. Mrs. Ed Dysart was named
by Mayor Schmidt to succeed Mrs. Nor-
man H. Long, whose resignation was
presented and accepted; and Mes-
dames Frank Chiverton, M. J. Mc-
Gowan and E. C. Benjamin were nam-
ed to succeed Mesdames George
Boydton, Mary Kinney and A. W.
Lord, whose terms have expired.

CRAP SHOOTERS
CAUGHT IN ACT

While making his rounds in De-
menttown at midnight last night, Of-
ficer Seagren apprehended three fel-
lows shooting craps on the sidewalk
in the business part of that section.
He took dice and money from the
fellows and did not lock them up ap-
on their promise to appear for hear-
ing at 9 o'clock this morning. The
fellows failed to keep their promises,
however, and warrants have been is-
sued for their arrest.

MORE WOUNDED HOME.

New York, Dec. 24.—Bringing 3-
865 officers and men of the American
overseas forces home the French liner
France, now an army transport,
reached here today. Among them
were 214 wounded officers and 1,504
wounded men. A number of Illinois
men were aboard.

KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN READING THE GERMAN WHINES FOR MOD-
ERATIONTHE HOMECOMING
OF THE HUN SOLDIER.

THE HOMECOMING OF THE FRENCH SOLDIER

CITY IN BRIEF

Charles Whitebread, Wm. Kime
and A. Blaine of Route 5, were here
Saturday trading.

E. C. Preston, wife and children,
arrived in Dixon today to spend the
holidays with his brother, Walter L.
Preston.

John King spent last evening with
Sterling friends.

—Instead of neglecting your hair
and growing bald, use Parisian Sage
daily and see how quickly it stops
the hair falling out and cures dand-
ruff and itching scalp. Rowland
Bros. guarantee it.

W. E. Byrd of Scarborough was a vis-
itor in Dixon today.

SPANISH WAR PALS IN DRAFT

Tate and Rumley Discover That His-
tory Repeats Itself.

History repeats itself, says the old
adage.

Fred Tate, head of the special agents
of the secret service department
at Kansas City, Mo., can testify to that.

Tate was standing in line on registra-
tion day when he noticed a familiar
face. It was John Rumley, a boyhood
friend from Gettysburg, Pa.

"What does this remind you of,
John?" asked Tate. Rumley studied a
moment and then said:

"Twenty years ago when we stood
in line to enlist in the Spanish-Ameri-
can war. It's queer how things repeat
themselves."

"And we're both ready to go again,"
declared Tate.

"You bet," said Rumley.

STEFANSSON STRONG
AND HEARTY AGAIN

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, discoverer of
the blond Eskimos and five new is-
lands in the Arctic and who has been
studying the barren wastes of the far
north for five years for the Canadian
government, arrived recently in New
York. Despite his serious illness
through which he recently passed he
looks as strong as a musk ox.

It will be recalled that when the
Karluk, the largest of his six ships,

went down during the first year it was
predicted that the expedition would
be a failure. Many times the rumor
was that the Stefansson party had per-
ished, but, on the contrary, the party
returned safe and sound.

Candy Money Aids Orphans.
Giving up their pennies for candy,
the children in the grades at the Lin-
coln school in Cleveland are turning
over their spending money to swell a
fund for French orphans. Enough
money has already been given to pro-
vide for the adoption of six orphans.

Half Dimes for War Stamps.
H. A. Dully of Springfield, Mo., who
for 34 years has collected half dimes
as a hobby, took about 400 of the coins
to a local bank and invested them in
War Savings Stamps.

The Simplest Way.

Mrs. Flash went away to spend a
fortnight with a friend, and while she
was away Mr. Flash wrote to ask her
where she'd put the key of the billiard
room.

"In my bolero pocket," she wrote
back, "somewhere in the wardrobe."

When Mrs. Flash got back she found
the wardrobe absolutely empty.

"Where have you put all my things?"
she asked her husband.

"My dear," said he sternly, "you told
me that key was in your bolero pocket
in that wardrobe. I searched, and as
I don't know a bolero from a box plait
I just took everything into the garden,
set fire to them, and recovered the key
from the ashes!"—Adelaide, Australia,
Chronicle.

CHARLES BRADY WAS
CALLED DURING NIGHT

Resident of the Rock Island
Road Victim of Probable
Apoplexy Last Eve

INQUEST HELD TODAY

Charles L. Brady, for many years
a resident of this city, died suddenly
at his home, 2121 Rock Island Road,
at 11 o'clock last night, his death, in
the opinion of the physician who was
called and arrived soon after his
passing, being due to apoplexy. Be-
cause he had not been under the care
of a physician for some time prior to
his death and no medical man was
present at the time of his passing, it
is necessary to hold a coroner's in-
quest and accordingly Coroner Wheet-
ston was notified. That official will
hold the inquest late this afternoon,
and pending the verdict of the jury
funeral arrangements have not been
made.

Mr. Brady had been in ill health
for the past two years, but his condi-
tion was not considered serious. He
was about as usual yesterday and was
apparently in his usual condition
when he ate supper and retired last
night. His wife was awakened by
his sufferings shortly before 11
o'clock, but before the doctor, whom
she summoned immediately, arrived,
he had passed away. He is survived
by his wife, one brother, John, of
Little Rock, Ark., and two sisters,
Mrs. Mary Veizig of California, and
Mrs. Bert Fisher of Freeport. His
mother, Mrs. Frank Wise, of near
Amboy, and three half brothers and
one half-sister, all residing in the vi-
cinity of Amboy, also survive. Fun-
eral arrangements will be announced
later.

DIED READING
SON'S MESSAGE

The funeral of Mrs. Milton Freese,
of the Mound, Palmyra township,
was held Sunday. Mrs. Freese died
after a long illness of heart trouble.
Death came as she sat in bed read-
ing a letter from her son, Guy, who
is with the A. E. F. in France and
for whose safety the mother constantly
worried.

The little son of Bert Hoyle is bet-
ter, after being quite ill of pneu-
monia.

SALTS IF KIDNEYS
OR BLADDER BOTHER

Harmless to flush Kidneys and neutral-
ize irritating acids—Splendid
for system.

Kidney and Bladder weakness result
from uric acid, says a noted authority.
The kidneys filter this acid from the
blood and pass it on to the bladder, where
it often remains to irritate and inflame,
causing a burning, scalding sensation, or
setting up an irritation at the neck of
the bladder, obliging you to seek relief
two or three times during the night.
The sufferer is in constant dread, the
water passes sometimes with a scalding
sensation and is very profuse; again,
there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it,
because they can't control urination.
While it is extremely annoying and some-
times very painful, this is really one of
the most simple ailments to overcome.
Get about four ounces of Jad Salts
from your pharmacist and take a table-
spoonful in a glass of water before
breakfast, continue this for two or three
days. This will neutralize the acids in
the urine so it no longer is a source of
irritation to the bladder and urinary or-
gans which then act normally again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless,
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effects whatever.

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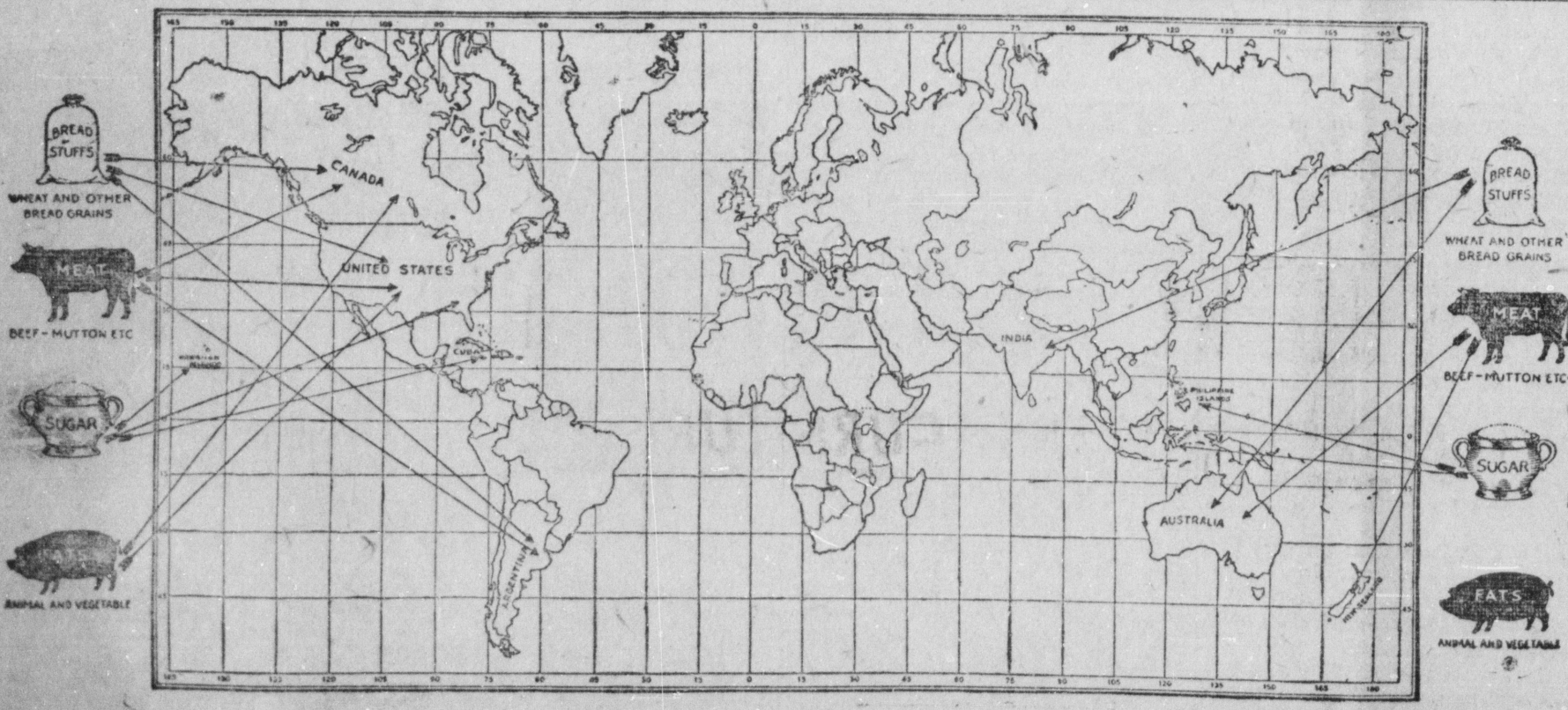
Dr. House is so well known in Dixon,
that it is not necessary to tell about his
brilliance and power as a lecturer. He
will deliver a masterpiece on this night,
and all who have ever heard him speak,
know what is in store for the audience.
You just can't afford to miss this.

MISS FLORENCE KING—

Miss King is the only woman patent
lawyer in the world, and has won an
enviable reputation by her remarkable
successes as such. She is just as able
a speaker as she is a lawyer, and she
has a wonderful message for the peo-
ple, especially the business woman and
the young girl. She will soon go to Eu-
rope as a representative of the business
women of America, to study the needs
for reconstruction. The receipts of this
lecture go to help pay the expense of
this trip.

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No Reason Why, When Sanitary Returns to the Earth, Airplanes Should Not Be Used for Prosaic Commercial Purposes.

Time—After the war. Place—Somewhere in the United States of the world.

Mrs. John Smith is discovered pressing buttons at the base of a wireless telephone in a plainly, but artistically furnished room. Furniture includes a grand piano, a bookcase, etc. On the piano is a German helmet.

Mr. Smith, speaking into the phone: "Hello. Is this the office of the International Airplane Moving company? Huh?"

"Well, this is Mrs. John Smith at 9842 Pershing avenue. I'm going to move today to 9965 Foch avenue and I want you to send one of your airplanes after the furniture. And say, tell your men to be careful not to scratch the piano or dent the helmet that my husband got from the Germans."

"Yes, I want you to come right away. I'm leaving for France tonight on the nine o'clock transatlantic airship."

Such incidents may be everyday occurrences in the near future, considering the development of the airplane. As a matter of fact an airplane recently carried an upright piano from London to Paris along with several passengers. This was done to demonstrate the lifting and carrying power of the plane. It was one of the huge bombing types which are dropping explosives upon the Rhine cities, and of course used for war purposes.

However, it may be safe to predict that peace will not slow up the practical progress of aerial transportation. It is not unlikely that within the present generation airplanes will be as common as motor cars now are. The skyboats will be manned by the young fellows who are either war aviators or are in training for that work.

So, it is probable that these aviators of the future will guide the sky vans which will move our furniture. For, if an upright piano can be moved from London to Paris in war times, it appears feasible to move upright, grand, or any kinds of pianos or furniture from one section of the city to another in peace times.

Granted that a suitable landing place may be provided for the moving planes, so that the furniture may be transferred without injury, a great many of the worries of moving day will become as forgotten as the discomforts of traveling via ox wagon. In its smooth passage through the air chime-ware and the glass of the bookcase will not be in danger of being broken.

Thus, the housewife of the future will not need to take much time from her duties as a member of the United Nations club on moving day to tenderly wrap up cups and saucers or to crate the helmet that her husband captured from a German when the American army occupied Metz and Berlin.

Guns at Sea.

Naturally, being continually on the move, a warship is a less satisfactory gun platform than the solid earth. Even in the calmest sea vessels constantly roll from side to side.

Theoretically, the best time to fire is at the moment between the rolls, when the deck is perfectly level. It is practically impossible, however, to fire exactly at that moment. No matter how careful the gunner may be, he fires his gun just before or just after the proper instant.

The rule in the American navy is to "wait for the downward roll"—that is, fire at the moment the ship is about to move down through the motion of the waves. The maxim in the British navy is exactly the reverse; that is, "wait for the upward roll," a rule that has been observed from the very earliest days of fighting by the gunners in British ships.

To Rid the World of Yellow Fever.

In the year 1916 Surgeon General Gorgas headed a commission of the international health board which visited South America and delimited the seed beds of yellow fever, as a preliminary step in a campaign for completely eliminating this disease from the world. It is believed that the sources of infection are at Guyaquil, Ecuador; in a region along the south shore of the Caribbean; in a strip along the north coast of Brazil; and in a certain area on the west coast of Africa. The progress of this ambitious undertaking has now been interrupted by the participation of the United States in the war, but work will be resumed as soon as conditions permit.—Scientific American.

To Make Flyers Invisible.

Many efforts are being made to make the airplane invisible from the earth when it is soaring through the ether. One idea calls for the use of transparent material, at least for all purposes where a canvas covering is used at present, such as the wings and the fuselage. One of the latest ideas of the kind is said to be an airplane which uses nonflammable celluloid for the wings and other parts, and when flying at a few hundred feet elevation the apparatus is quite invisible, according to reports. A new muffling box on the motor serves to deaden the sound. One advantage of the transparency is that observations can be made in all directions.

We must keep our army equipped

and ready to enforce peace terms.

Buy W. S. S.

SEES LESSON IN THE DEATH OF DORNBLASER

Butte, Mont., Paper Prints Editorial on Death of Former Dixonite

PLAYING THE GAME

Under the caption "Playing the Game," the Butte, Mont., Daily Post, comments editorially on the death of Paul Dornblaser, formerly of Dixon, who was killed in action, as follows: "A good many people in Butte and about here remember Dornblaser, for three years the mainstay of the football team of the State University; there are some Butte men who were mates of his on the campus in Missoula. He was rated as one of the best men in football that the Northwest has known. Dornblaser is dead. He died in service in France, where he marched as corporal in the marines. Wounds received in action proved fatal after he had been removed to a hospital.

This news brings grief to Montana University men and to the wider circle of friends who were proud to be listed and who now will even prouder than before this fine young Montanan went down into the valley of the shadow. For his journey was in line of duty; it was a part of the performance of the service which he undertook willingly. For, mark you, Dornblaser has just a while before been offered a position in another branch of the service, a position where his service would be honorable, but where there would be no personal danger. And he had brushed aside the offer and gone into the fray.

The death of Dornblaser is important to a wider circle than the University campus in Missoula. It is significant to all who believe in this state and who have confidence in its future. For Paul Dornblaser was the product of a Montana institution. Down in Missoula they say that Dornblaser's football achievements were not his real claim to lasting remembrance as a college student; he was a powerful influence for justice and right among his fellows; he was a leader in the academic life of his school as well as in his athletic activities.

He played the game—played it all the while, in school and out—played it fairly and squarely and shirked no responsibility. He was a type of which his state may be proud. He had just begun the practice of law when the call to arms sounded, so it is as a student that he will be remembered. But he will stand as a type of the generation of Montanans to whom the future of this state will one of these days be entrusted. And there is not much cause for uneasiness as to how the Dornblasers will give accounting of their stewardship.

CITY ATTORNEY HEALY OF ROCHELLE IS DEAD

Barrister, Well Known Here Victim of Influenza On Sunday Morning

WIFE ALSO VERY SICK

William J. Healy, city attorney of Rochelle, died at his home in that city Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, of Spanish influenza.

Mr. Healy was very ill for about ten days. He was conscious of his condition and made a brave fight for life. A specialist from Chicago was called to assist the two physicians already in attendance.

He was 37 years old and was married about five years ago to Miss Ruby Carl, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl, 17 Pine street, Freeport. His wife survives him, together with two little sons, one 2 years old and the other 3 years old.

Mrs. Healy is also confined to her bed with the "flu" and little Billy, the elder of the children, is ill also.

Mr. Healy was one of the best known and most successful of the younger barristers of Ogle county and his popularity in his home city was attested by his election to the important office of city attorney, which post he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his fellow-townsmen. He was well known in Dixon, and the news of his death brought sorrow to many here. The early recovery of Mrs. Healy and her little son are sincerely hoped for by their friends in Dixon.

BUTCHERS RETAIN THEIR POSITIONS

By Associated Press Leased Wire Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 24 (Havas).—An agreement has been reached by the Berlin government and the German army by which Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. Groener, chief quartermaster general, will retain their offices, according to the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin.

FATHER ILL

Mrs. A. M. McNicol has received word of the serious illness of her father, Andrew Berge, of south of Tampico, from pneumonia, following influenza.

DIXON ATTORNEY IS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO U. S. ATTY. GENERAL

(Continued from page 1.)

Clyne Issues Statement. In connection with the inquiry the following statement was given out yesterday by Mr. Clyne:

"The investigations of the federal trade commission of the meat packing industry, made pursuant to the president's direction and under the inherent powers of the commission, have resulted in a report to the president which has been turned over to the department of justice for its consideration and such action as it may deem proper.

Debate Legal Action. "The reports of the trade commission, the facts upon which such reports are based, and such other matters as may seem important in arriving at a conclusion as to whether the department of justice should institute legal proceedings against the packers, are being considered. Mr. Morrison, Mr. Pagan, and Mr. Clyne are now at work in Chicago and in due course will report their findings to the attorney general."

Prices Ahead of Wages. Organized labor cannot keep pace in wages with the rise in foodstuff prices, according to John J. Brennan, agent of the International Stationary Firemen, who was a witness yesterday before Judge Samuel Alschuler in the wage hearing of the packing house employees.

Brennan said the wages of the firemen varied from 43 to 53 cents an hour in the packing plants as compared to 40 to 77 cents in other industries. A personal investigation had convinced him, he said, that the 43-53 cent wage was a starvation standard.

DIXON MAN HAS CREATED RECORD

J. Wesley Winters, who has been employed as a riveter in the big ship yards at Baltimore, Md., arrived home Sunday evening to spend the holidays with his relatives. Mr. Winters has won one of the finest jobs in his department in the yards, being counted one of the most proficient riveters there. While under instruction he hung up a record for a day's work which won him complimentary recognition by the U. S. Emergency Fleet corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoyle were in town today from Palmyra.

PERMANENT XMAS TREES ARE URGED

AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSN. BRINGS FORTH SUGGESTION FOR COMMUNITY TREES

Washington, Dec. 24. (By Associated Press).—Why not the permanent Community Christmas Tree, is the question being asked many times of the American Forestry association, which is urging memorial trees for sailors and soldiers in the world war. In urging this C. P. Wilber, acting state forester of New Jersey, says: "To do this will stimulate the 'get together' spirit locally by insuring an annual gathering in the holiday season because the tree will command recognition as a temporary provision from year to year may not. Originally set with definite memorial purpose, it will further emphasize in a public way the recognition by its planters and those who come after them, of the gratitude for loyal, patriotic service rendered in the crucial period of the nation and the world."

The American Forestry association points out the great waste in setting up community trees every Christmas and then throwing them away, and suggests that permanent planting be adopted in suitable locations wherever possible. The memorial tree idea is being adopted all over the country, reports to the association show, and being considered as the proper setting for other forms of memorial plans.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Simons, Day & Co., Chicago, GRAIN MARKET.

Corn—	Dec. 148	149	148	149
Jan.	139 1/2	139 3/4	138 3/4	139 3/4
Oats—				
Jan.	70	70	68 1/2	68 3/4
Feb.	69 3/4	69 3/4	68 1/2	67 3/4
May	69 3/4	70 1/4	68 3/4	69 1/4

CASH GRAIN:

Wheat—				
No. 1 red, 233.				
No. 1 northern, 228 to 229.				
Corn—				
No. 5 mixed, 145.				
No. 5 yellow, 145 to 147.				
No. 6 yellow, 144.				
Oats—				
No. 3 white, 68 1/2 to 69 1/4.				
Standard, 69 1/2 to 70 1/4.				

LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Receipts today: Hogs, 33,000. Market 5 to 10c higher. Top, 17.75. Cattle, 6,000. Steady. Sheep, 4,000. Steady.

U. S. GENERAL IS AIR VICTIM

Paris, Dec. 23.—Gen. Rhodes, a member of the American armistice commission, was severely injured in an airplane accident on the outskirts of Paris today. His pilot, a British officer, was killed.

Gen. Rhodes was flying from Treves to Paris in an airplane piloted by Lieut. Giltir, according to Le Journal. The machine collapsed just as it reached the edge of the city.

The Gen Rhodes referred to in the foregoing dispatch is probably Maj. Gen. Charles D. Rhodes, formerly commander of the Rainbow division, who later was transferred to the Thirty-fourth division and was made a member of the American armistice commission.

HAS INFLUENZA.

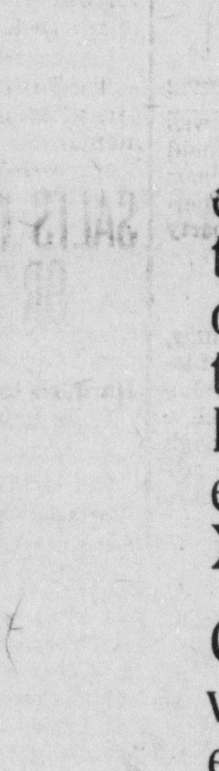
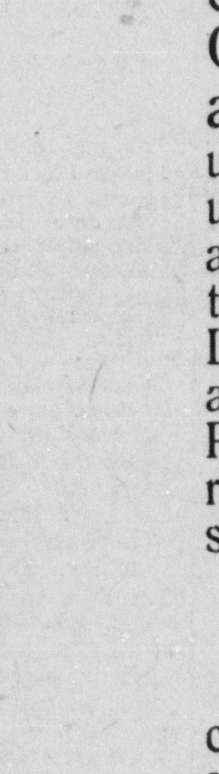
Stella Martha Babin, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Babin, is ill of influenza. She is somewhat better this morning.

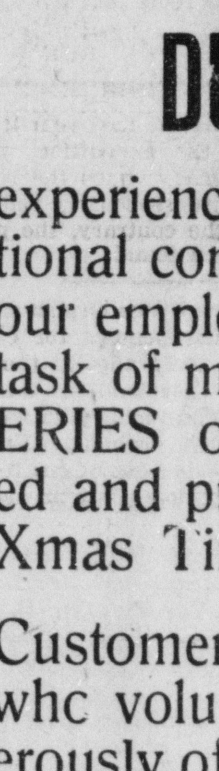
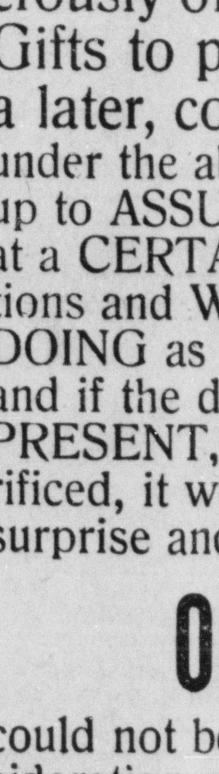
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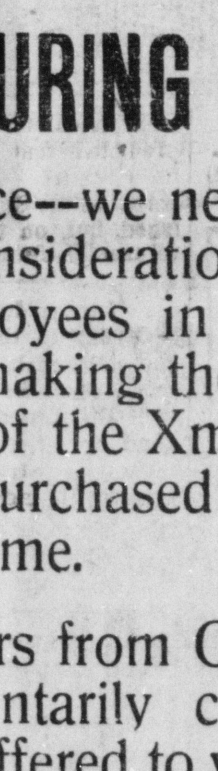
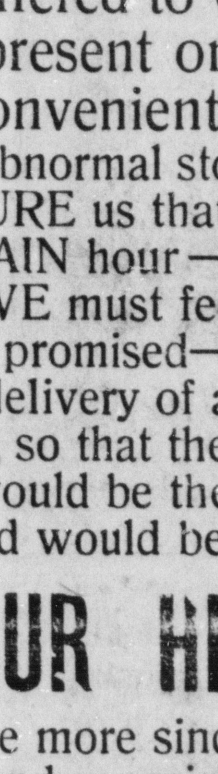
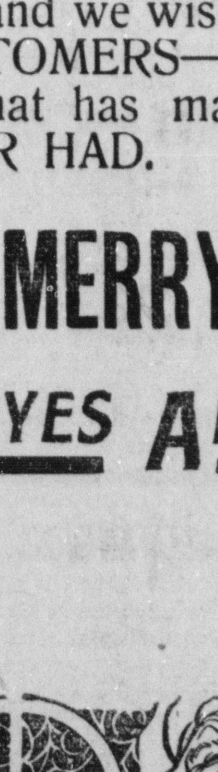
Orville Miller of Oak Forest, who is at the Dixon hospital with pneumonia following the influenza, is recovering and able to sit up a little each day.

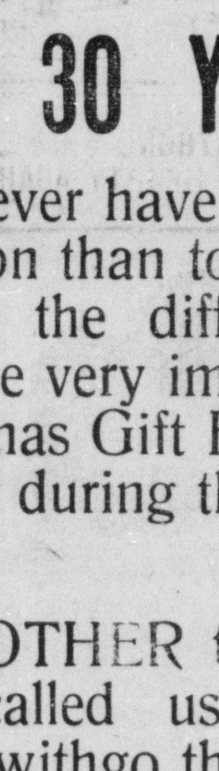
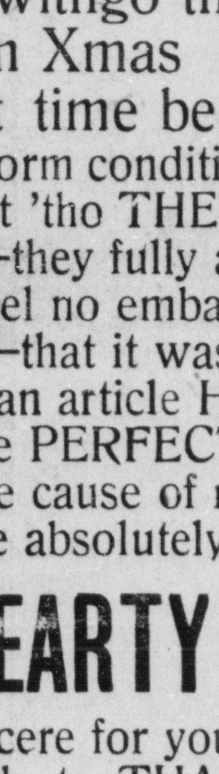
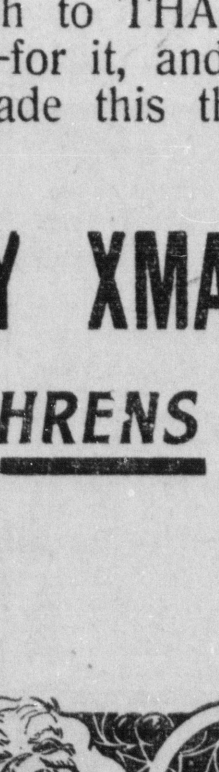


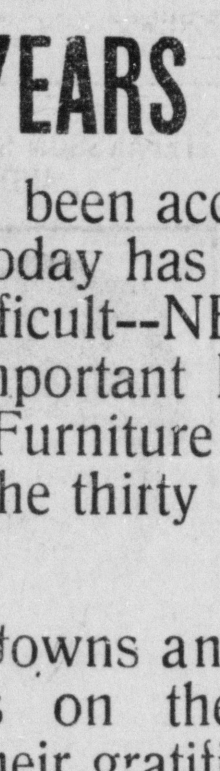
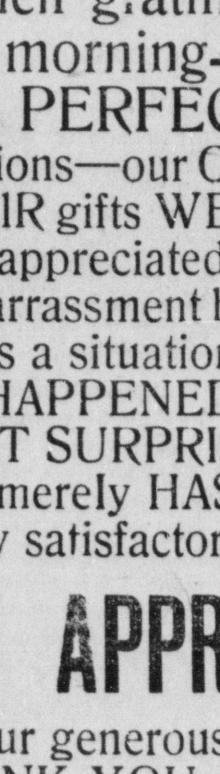
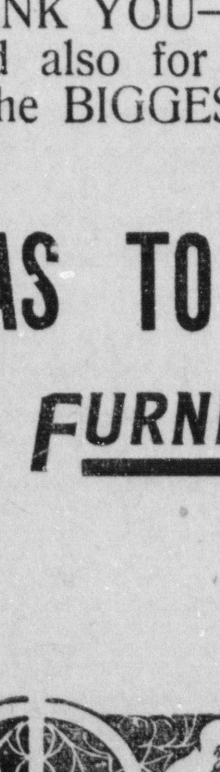


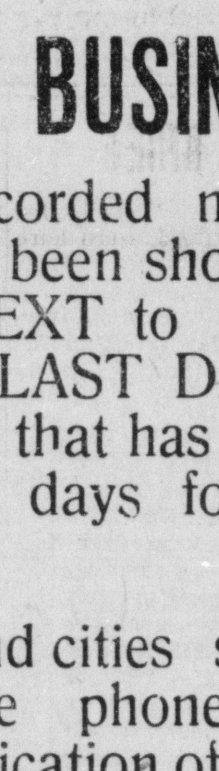
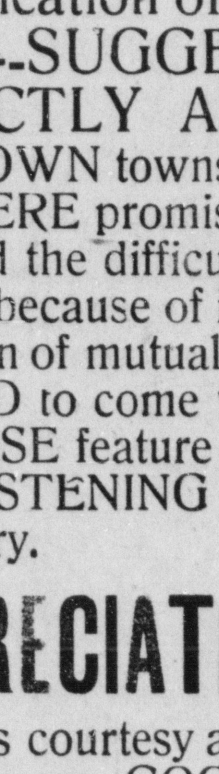




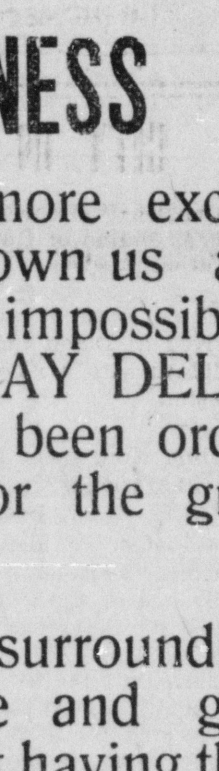
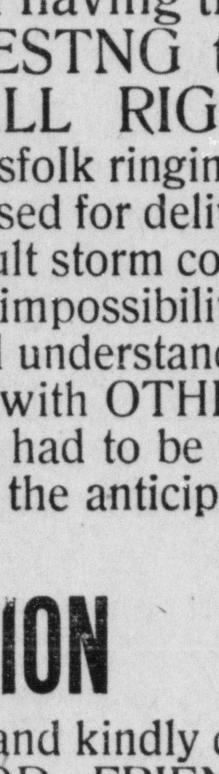
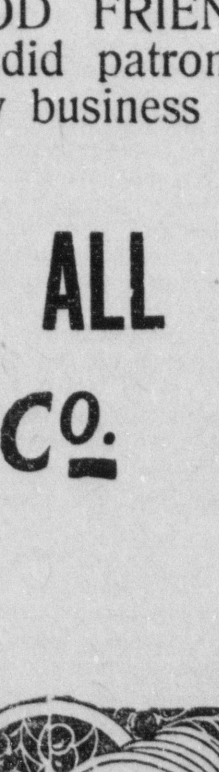
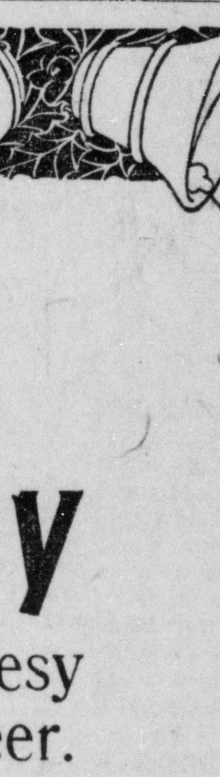
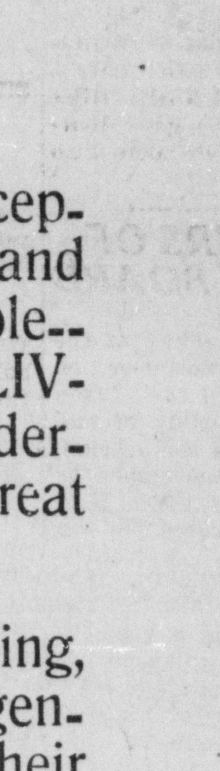
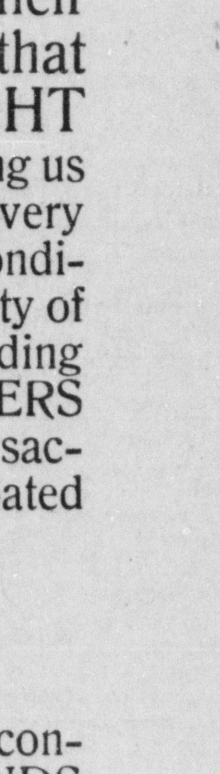
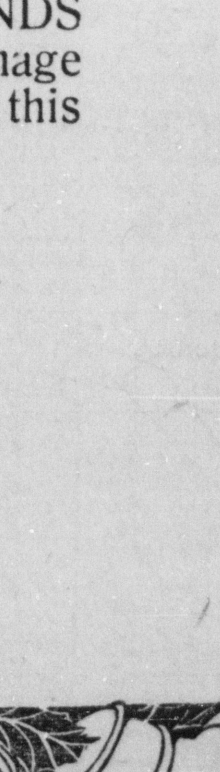




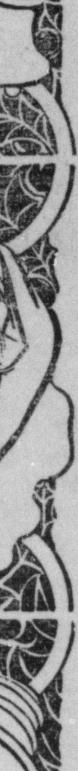












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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like to have you bring me a bureau, a pair of gloves, a doll buggy and some candy and some nuts. That is all I want this time. Don't forget baby sister. Helen Johnson.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl 6 years old. I would like to have you bring me a trunk, a doll, a pair of gloves, some candy and oranges. Bring Sister Marion a doll. Lois Johnson.

Dear Santa:—Bring me a 10c chain, knife a pop gun and a handkerchief, name on it, and a little car that will go, orange, some candy, peanuts and some English nuts. Albert McDermott.

Dear Santa:—I want a doll bed or a doll buggy. I want a doll with dark, curly hair. I want to get a book with a train in it. I got a doll body but I haven't a doll head. I want some candy and nuts and one orange. Put the orange in the toe of my stocking. I want some candy and oranges for my brother Ed. I guess I will close my letter now. From Kathryn Burkhart.

Dear Santa Claus:—I have been a good girl and I want to know if you would bring me some Christmas presents. A doll, a doll buggy, a Christmas tree and some nuts and some fruit. Well, Santa, I guess that will be all. Good-bye. Yours truly, Christine Thoman.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a doll with curly hair and I want a doll buggy. I want a doll bed. And I want a little suit case. I want a little table and chair. And I want a set of dishes. I want a pair of shoes. Lenore Elizabeth Thoman.

Dear Santa:—I am a good little girl and don't forget my sister, Mary Jane. She wants a doll and some dishes and some nuts and candy and oranges. My name is Imogene. I want some candy and nuts and oranges and a box of paints and painting book. My brother's name is Vance and he wants some nuts and candy, oranges. He is a good boy and mother says that she will get him something. He wants a rocker-horse. Good-bye Santa Claus. I will go to bed early. Imogene McCrystal.

Dear Santa Claus:—For Christmas I would like a Santa Claus mask and a drum and a little typewriter and a football and a tool chest and a little motor and a little water gun, three boxes of candy, some nuts and a ball, and a box of pencils. That's all this year, Santa. Dale Senneff.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want a big doll and a doll bed and some games and candy cane and lots of love. Maxine Rosenthal.

Dear Santa:—I am a little boy seven years old and I would like you to bring me a drum and a machine gun and a game of "Kop the Kaiser" and a desk and a circus game and some nuts and candy. Robert Cahill.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am a good boy and I want some candy, and some nuts and a bell and a sled and a wagon. I like to have a pair of high shoes. From Glenn Bock.

Franklin Grove, Ill.
Dear Santa:—Please bring me a doll, a doll dresser, a Teddy bear, some dishes, a table, a chair and a wash set, house slippers. Don't forget a Christmas tree. Yours truly, Hazel L. Seidell.

P. S.—I will go to bed early and be a good girl.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am writing you a few lines to let you know what I want for Christmas. I would like a Teddy bear and a ring. Bring a plenty of candy, nuts and oranges. I guess that will be all for this time. Your loving friend, Dorothy Selover.

Dear Santa Claus:—I thought I would like to write a few lines and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll bed and if it snows please bring me a sled. And give the rest to the poor children. Sister is three years old and bring her a doll. I want some candy. I will give sister some, too. And don't forget mamma and papa. From your friend, Dorothy Trowbridge.

Dear Santa:—I am a little baby two months old and I would like a nice buggy and a new dress and don't forget my grandmother and grandfather as I am staying at grandma's house. Rachel Madeline Stiff, 420 Eighth st.

Dear Santa:—I am a little boy 7 years old and I would like a soldier suit and a wagon, lots of candy and fruit. Please don't forget my three sisters. Your friend, Roy Knapp, 515 W. Seventh st.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a 25c chain knife and a pop gun and some blocks, a red rubber ball and a handkerchief and a team and cart and a little wagon two feet in length, 1 foot across it, and some candy and peanuts and some English nuts. Martin McDermott.

Dear Santa:—I want a popgun and a Sandy Andy. Do not forget my baby brother. Send him a book with pictures of trains in it and a pair of stockings and papa a can of Velvet tobacco and a handkerchief and grandma a handkerchief. Goodbye, from your little friend, Roy Arthur Moyer.

Dear Santa—I am a little boy seven years old and for Christmas I would like to have a Christmas tree, tiddly winks, barking dog, pop gun and farmer wagon and paints. With love, Wilfred Hendrick.

Dear Santa:—I am a good little girl six years old. I want a doll and a candle and I have a little brother two years old and he wants a telephone and some apples and nuts. Geraldine and Clinton Reynolds.

Dear Santa:—Will you please bring me a hair ribbon, some handkerchiefs and a pair of mittens and some candy and nuts. Please don't forget the other little girls. From Ida Leggett.

Dear Santa:—Please will you bring me some toys and a little table, checkers, a pair of ice skates and some candy and nuts. From Milford Leggett, route 6. And please don't forget little Jimmy.

Dear Santa Claus:—My name is Bethel. Please bring me a doll that goes to sleep and a hat and coat and dresses and a little bed and buggy and a little doll for Phyllis and dresses to wear and things to eat and a Christmas tree and nuts and candy. And that will be enough for today. Bethel Lucille Senneff.

CULL THE FLOCK

At no time has it been more important to cull the flock carefully than now. A good hen is returning to its owner a good profit; a poor one, a corresponding greater loss. With the general purpose breeds the pullet year is the most profitable. In fact, it will take two pounds more feed to produce a pound of eggs with hens than it will with pullets. No farmer can afford to keep any hen of the general purpose type after she has passed through the second laying season. All females which have passed the first year of laying should be marketed unless they are to be kept for next year's breeders. If the farmer cannot tell the age of his hens, he can avoid future guesswork by putting a ring on the legs of the pullets.

Some features that will help the farmer distinguish hens that have been good egg producers have been noted by the University of Missouri College of Agriculture. In October the poor layers will have yellow shanks, a small dull comb, pin bones close together, and will have completed molting. The good layer will be in the molt, will have pale or almost pink shanks, will be ragged in appearance and, if laying, the pin bones will be well spread apart. The good layer, even though in the molt, will start laying just as soon as the early molter. The good layer will have a soft velvety skin while that of the poor layer will be thick and coarse.

It will pay to cull the flock if the culling is done right.

One of Several Theories as To Origin of Wedding Ring

Among several theories as to the origin of the wedding ring is one which is to the effect that before the time of mints and coinage the gold money in Egypt was made in the form of a ring, usually worn on the finger as a convenient method of carrying and safe-keeping. The men and women, therefore, had all their gold or wealth made into rings, and for the majority of people these rings were no larger than the plain gold bands of today. Thus, when the groom placed the ring on the bride's finger, he meant exactly what the modern service makes him say—he did exactly endow his bride with all his worldly goods.

Amber and Jade Mines.

It is at the sources of the Chindwin, or western branch of the Irrawaddy, that the famous amber and jade mines are which have supplied China with these much prized stones for centuries.

Microbes on the Screen.

Apparatus with which it is possible to make motion pictures of living microbes has been perfected by a California scientist.

He Thinks He Can Find Room



SOLDIERS' LETTERS

FROM SGT. TIMMONS.

France, Oct. 26, 1918.
Dear Mother:—Just a few lines. I received your letter and sure was glad to hear from you. It was a great surprise to me when I read about poor Roy. I felt terribly bad about it. I hope Nell gets along all right. Why don't she stay in Dixon with you?

Well, mother, I am all O. K. fine and dandy. Hope you are well and in good health as it leaves me, as I say, O. K. How is everyone? Give them my best regards and tell them to drop me a line now and then. I will always take the time to read the mail. Well, mother, I would like to tell you many things, but Uncle Sammie don't want his boys to talk much about what is going on over here. If all his boys were like me the square heads would get nothing out of them but fight and plenty of that. I am in no rose garden. It reminds me a lot of the Fourth of July. How are Mae and Al and the kids? I suppose they have grown. I surely am ashamed not to have written before this but I will see that it don't happen again. Give me Larry's address in your next letter as I don't know where he is, in order to write. Mother, don't send me any more stamps as you know we don't have to have them over here. I am sending them back so you can use them. How is Harry Humphrey? Give him my best and Myrtle and the rest of the girls when you see them. I am going to drop Mae and Nell a letter tomorrow, then I will get caught up with my mail. I have not much time to write tonight. How is my boat? Is it all there? Is Nell getting ready to move? Let me know all the news. When you write let me know if you got the box O. K.

The French people do not live as we do; their houses are from one hundred to five hundred years old and have a stone wall around them, ten or twelve feet high, so you can not see in. We have slept in them over here but you have got to remember what door is yours or you might run into the kitchen or dining room or pig pen or open a door and look a cow in the face.

Think I have told you all the news for this time. Will write more next time. Wishing you and all the rest happiness and good health, I remain as ever, your son, Sgt. T. D. Timmons.

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DISCOUNTED HIS PLEAS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—An indirect warning from the American government was responsible for the decision of the German authorities to dispense with the services of the notorious Minister von Eckhardt at Mexico City. It was learned officially Monday that a hint was transmitted to Berlin recently that it was difficult to reconcile Eckhardt's continued anti-American and anti-ally propaganda with the new German government's protestations of regard for the United States and appeals for food supplies.

Evidence of Eckhardt's influence in the Mexican capital was seen in a report from Ambassador Fletcher that El Pueblo, a government organ, had published a denial of the minister's recall. The state department has been advised of the recall, although evidently there has been no official announcement of it at Mexico City. Ambassador Fletcher said the newspapers there, other than El Pueblo, were saying Eckhardt's mission had ended, although he had not decided as to leaving the country.

FUNERAL THIS MORNING

The funeral of Jerome Lloyd was held at 10 o'clock this morning at the Preston funeral chapel, Rev. E. C. Lumsden officiating, and with burial at Oakwood.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Dixonian orchestra will give a dance tomorrow night at the new Armory. Everybody is cordially invited.

BOWLING TONIGHT

Teams of the Grand Detour Plow factory league will meet tonight at the Y. M. C. A. alleys, the first game being called for 7:15 o'clock.

FROM U. OF ILLINOIS.

Mervin Lawton of the S. A. T. C., University of Illinois, is among the students discharged. He is at home to spend the holidays.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE OF FILING FINAL SETTLEMENT

State of Illinois ss.
County of Lee } ss.
Estate of Louis Hall, deceased.

Public notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Louis Hall, deceased, will attend before the County Court of Lee County, at the Court House in Dixon, on the first Monday in January, 1919, next, for the purpose of making a final settlement of said estate, at which time and place I will ask for an order of distribution, and will also ask to be discharged. All persons interested are notified to attend.

Dated at Dixon, Ill., this 15th day of December, A. D. 1918.

A. H. HANNEKEN, Administrator.
C. F. PRESTON, Atty.
D 18-24

GRAND DETOUR.

Mrs. Bert O'Roark came out from Chicago last week for a few days visit with her mother, Mrs. Margaret England.

Miss Ione Harrington spent Wednesday and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wood.

Mrs. Mae Nettz spent Wednesday at the Kingdom with her daughter, Mrs. Schumaker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodd drove to Dixon Thursday, where Mr. Dodd attended the Reading Circle meeting at the home of Mrs. Parks. She spent the night with Mrs. Dysart, returning home Friday.

Messdames C. A. Sheffield and Pankhurst were in Dixon Friday afternoon.

Mrs. T. A. Foxley spent Friday night and Saturday in Dixon with her sister, Mrs. John Tetter and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Parks drove to Dixon Thursday.

Mrs. Albert Tholen came home from Chicago Friday night. Her mother, Mrs. Caroline Remmers, who is at the Michael Reese hospital, is improving nicely from her recent operation.

Mrs. Mathias of Dixon visited her daughter, Mrs. Peter Bovey and family last week.

Mrs. Tully of Harmon spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Ross Cooper and family.

Miss Leslie Senn of Dixon spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Parks and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guynn of Dixon visited at the Arthur Davis home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sheffield visited at the Dr. Pankhurst home Saturday.

Mrs. James Fowler returned to her home at Moline Friday. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Purteeman, who will spend Christmas with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosbrook and daughter of South Dakota arrived Sunday for a two weeks visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Rosbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Mon of South Dakota are visiting his father and sister, Mrs. Mae Nettz for a few days. They will visit other friends and relatives in this vicinity before returning to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Raymond of Dixon visited her father and family Sunday.

S. Purteeman went to Moline Saturday to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Fowler and husband. Miss Esther Foxley is at home for her Christmas vacation.

Bert Flich and wife and Mrs. Lee Mon were shoppers in Dixon Saturday.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Elias O. Espe, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Elias O. Espe, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Lee county, at the court house in Dixon at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of December, A. D. 1918.

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The Meeting

by Harry Irving Greene

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THE bosom of Sergeant Lyndham was filled to the brim with disgust and loathing. Nor was this disgust and loathing entirely without reason. Months of wallowing like a pig in the mud of trenches does not sweeten the soul, and when it is combined with endless duties in the cold fall rains of a shell-swept region that is akin to the borders of inferno, the nerves become ragged. Hence had come about the curdling of the milk of human kindness which had previously existed within him.

Nor had a few little midnight surprise parties over the top in which the bayonet had been the principal piece of resistance tended to decrease these sensations. Even being bowled 20 feet by the concussion of a shell had not cheered him. But it had remained for a while of poison gas and a squirt of liquid fire to set and solidify his mind to its present condition.

Alive, dead, or as yet unborn, Sergeant Lyndham was of the fixed opinion that he did not like the Boches. And the last 24 hours had been particularly obnoxious from the fact that they had been entirely sleepless. The horizon was still lurid with cannon flashes and the uproar remained fiendish despite the fact that it was hours after midnight, but he was accustomed to such things, and knew that once asleep, they would not trouble him. Also, for all he knew, he might dream of something pleasant. He was free now for a few hours within his blankets, and was in the act of removing his boots when his captain thrust his head within and motioned for him to come forth. Knowing that something both new and disagreeable confronted him, he arose and stepped out as commanded.

For a quarter of a mile they silently wound their way along a muddy road until the dim lights of a partially shell-ridden house appeared before them. Into this they entered, and the sergeant, casting his eyes about, saw the colonel of his regiment sitting at a table. Saluting he stood at attention.

"Sergeant Lyndham," said the colonel thoughtfully. "A few months ago when you accompanied one of our airmen over the line and destroyed a plant of the enemy, you did a very brave and skillful thing. For that act you were made a sergeant. Tonight we must have another duty performed, and I have selected you because of my confidence in your courage and ability. It is very likely that you will not return, yet war demands its sacrifices. Without knowing more of this new duty do you volunteer to try and accomplish it?" It was plain enough now that there would be no rest or sleep for him again this night, and the sergeant's disgust and loathing mounted accordingly. Yet he managed to swallow them.

"Yes, sir," he grunted. The colonel nodded.

"You are a brave and willing soldier, sergeant. Were it not for the fact that the regiment contains so many men like you I would sometimes become filled with fear and sadness. Now for the reason I sent for you. You will remember the trenches which run through Thier's woods, do you not?"

"Slightly, colonel. I helped capture them from the Boches at the point of the bayonet."

"And in turn were driven from them by the same amiable gentlemen," Lyndham made a wry face.

"Yes, colonel. But they surprised us most unfairly. It was all very disgusting and made me loathe them."

"I have no doubt. But now listen. We have reason to believe that they have evacuated the position, while it has become important that we regain it. You will follow my reasoning. If the enemy has deserted the ditch we wish to know it, while if he has not, it is equally important that we should know, since we must be advised beforehand what we may expect when we make our advance—whether resistance or unopposed occupancy. Therefore we are compelled to send someone as a scout to ascertain the conditions."

"And because of the darkness and treacherous the airmen are useless?"

"Exactly. Therefore, you will crawl upon your stomach to the wood, going alone the better to escape observation. By working your way flat upon the ground and instantly becoming still should their lights fall upon you, you may be mistaken by them for what you are likely to become—one of the dead men of which you will pass many, if you are lucky. Should you return with this information, well and good; if not, we will be compelled to adopt other means to secure our information. You had best plan to arrive there by the first light of day that you may be able to observe conditions. If you find the trenches empty, you will have to run for it coming back. We will be watching and if we see you returning, even though you may not succeed in reaching our lines, we will understand that you found no one over there. Otherwise, of course, they would not let you come back. You see it is all very simple, sergeant."

"I can do no more than wish you good luck. However, you will start at once." With another salute Lyndham turned upon his heel and walked away.

Well upon his way, he lay in the darkness on the field between the opposing battle lines. Over his head shells were hurrying, shrieking off into the distance with the wall of banshees. The glare of search bombs threw their ghastly light upon a field still more ghastly. Occasional flights of machine gun bullets swept over him like gusts of cyclone driven hail. He came to a shell crater the size of a cellar, and crept into it. It was half full of mire and the sudden blaze of a rocket revealed horribly torn and bleeding things half submerged in the drainage water of the hole. Filled with unutterable repugnance he abided his time, and in a moment of pitch darkness clambered over the edge and resumed his snakelike crawl through the murk.

He reached the wood, found the maze of entanglements, and making a breach with his wire-cutter, crawled to the edge of the excavation, peered and listened. No sound came from the blackness below, and he slid over the top. Silently he sat until the first faint light of morning came peeping down through the foliage, then cautiously he began his advance. Around the turns he zigzagged his way in the gathering light, revolver in hand, seeing nothing but the gruesome evidence of the strife that had raged about him. Then he made another sharp turn; he stopped suddenly. Before him, sitting with his back against the wall, was a German, who held a revolver leveled at his breast. Swiftly Lyndham's glance swept the other.

Above the unshaven head of the one who confronted him the cheeks were the sickly color of death, yellow with the unwholesome color of a mushroom. Madly he came at an envelope from head to toe, and down his breast a small red trickle was creeping. Slowly the bearded lips parted as words bitter with hate fell from them.

"Ach! You have come again, have you, abominable Englishers! But you return to an empty victory, since we have withdrawn our force to a more desirable place. You may have this abandoned sty in welcome, but first you I shall kill."

Lyndham thought rapidly. Though he had a revolver in his hand, his hand hung at this side, while the muzzle of the other man's weapon was full upon his breast. Into the eyes of his foe he saw leap the deadly glare of hatred as the grimy hands tightened about the butt as the finger prepared to press the trigger. Sergeant Lyndham had more than half expected to be killed before the war was over, but he never pictured his end as coming like this—at the hand of one who was already little better than a dead man. Yet what was to be would be, and in what he believed to be his last moment upon earth a thought flashed across his mind. For the first time throughout the black night he had just passed he remembered what day this was, and

"A Merry Christmas to you, Fritz," he grinned.

The sardonic humor of the thing filled him. "Shoot. And a merry Christmas to you, Fritz," he grinned. Slowly the fingers of the other relaxed. His eyes softened, and a deep sigh came from the heaving chest. The bloodless lips opened again. "Himmel! And so it is Christmas morning! I had forgotten." The hand sank to the ground and the head fell forward. Very faintly the voice was arising.

"Peace on earth and good will to man." What good that I should shoot you, when many more are doubtless at your back—and none of mine? These trenches you have regained—for the time being. Five minutes more and I shall be dead. I die—it is the holiest hour of a man's life as this is the holiest day. Nein, I will kill no more." His face raised, and a faint smile lighted it. "Merry Christmas, Englisher."

Buying More Cutlery.

Siamese importers are purchasing more cutlery than they did formerly and there should be an opportunity for the sale of American supplies. Japan has profited by the increased demand. The value of cutlery imports from Japan advanced from \$83 in 1914-15 to \$12,734 in 1916-17. American machine tools are widely used in Siam and vigorous selling campaigns should be planned for the purpose of introducing other lines of cutlery after the war—New York Journal of Commerce.

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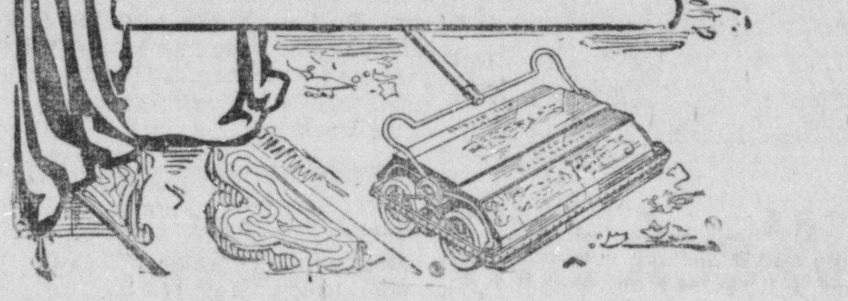
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CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RY.

Correct time of all passenger trains leaving Dixon. Daily except where otherwise specified: (Effective Sunday, Nov. 24, 1918)

No.	East Bound	Ar Chicago
6	3:28 a. m.	6:45 a. m.
24	6:40 a. m.	9:15 a. m.
28 (Ex. Sun.)	7:23 a. m.	10:40 a. m.
18	11:02 a. m.	2:25 p. m.
20	1:19 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
4	4:11 p. m.	7:30 p. m.
12	7:33 p. m.	10:25 p. m.
100 (Sunday only)	4:15 p. m.	7:35 p. m.

No.	West Bound	Ar Dixon
5	6:50 a. m.	10:20 a. m.
19	10:30 a. m.	1:11 p. m.
17	12:15 p. m.	3:39 p. m.
27 (Ex. Sun.)	3:45 p. m.	7:03 p. m.
11	5:00 p. m.	7:52 p. m.
25	6:10 p. m.	9:32 p. m.
*1	7:10 p. m.	9:50 p. m.
3	11:20 p. m.	2:16 a. m.

Peoria passenger leaves Dixon at 8:30 a. m.

*No. 1 stops at Dixon on flag, no extra fare.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RY.

Correct time of all trains leaving Dixon that carry passengers and freight.

No.	South Bound	Ar Chicago
119	7:22 a. m.	
31 Clinton Express*	6:15 p. m.	

North Bound

No.	Ar Chicago
132 Ft. Dodge Ex.*	9:53 a. m.
20 Mail	6:21 p. m.
Freepoint Freight*	12:30 p. m.

*Daily except Sunday.

TIME THE MAILS CLOSE

The following table shows the time of closing of all mail forwarded from Dixon postoffice. Mail should be in the postoffice ten minutes preceding the locking or closing time to insure its dispatch.

No.	East Mail.	Ar Chicago
6	2:45 a. m.	
28	6:55 a. m.	
4	3:50 p. m.	
12	7:10 p. m.	
18	10:40 a. m.	
No.	West Mail.	Ar Chicago
5	9:55 a. m.	
19	12:50 p. m.	
27	6:40 p. m.	
9	8:50 p. m.	
15	2:45 a. m.	
No.	South Mail.	Ar Chicago
119	6:55 a. m.	
131	4:50 p. m.	
No.	North Mail.	Ar Chicago
132	9:30 a. m.	
120	5:50 p. m.	

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WEIGLE FUNERAL HERE THURSDAY

The remains of Charles Weigle, Civil war veteran, cousin of Allen Weigle, of this city, whose death at the Old Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Ill., on Sunday, was reported in last evening's Telegraph, will be brought to Dixon for burial, word to that effect having been received by Mr. Weigle last evening. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon at the Preston funeral chapel, with burial in Oakwood.

CASKET CO. GIVES HELP CHICKENS

The owners of the Dixon Casket Company made all of their employees happy today by presenting each with a fine fat chicken for Christmas dinner. During the past year the casket company has been worked to full capacity and the firm has enjoyed unusual fidelity and interest on the part of its workers.

Dufresnay's Christmas Awakening

ON Christmas morning of the year 1681 M. Dufresnay's apartments were in some confusion. Monsieur himself as he slept on a spindle-legged sofa was not the very image of order. His rose colored satin coat was under his head, and his silk stockings calves dangled over the end of his all too brief bed. The cards of yesterday and yesterday's bestrewed the floor. He was disturbed by the insistent tinkling of a bell. Dufresnay groaned and struggled to his feet. On opening the door he beheld a very beautiful young lady quaintly disguised as a working woman and carrying a large basket such as laundresses use. Dufresnay retreated in confusion, bowing profoundly and wrestling with his coat. "I pray you pardon me, mademoiselle. I did not expect a vision!" "And I pray you, monsieur, not to mock me," she replied, with a wry little smile. "The last time I came your servant said you had no money. You owe me 17 livres."



Dufresnay gazed in speechless incredulity for a moment and then burst out laughing. "A merry Christmas to you, mademoiselle!" he cried. "Is the basket for me?" "I wish you also a merry Christmas. But please, please listen to me. Perhaps the wine is not yet out of your head. But I must have money today. Surely you can understand?" Dufresnay partially mustered his wits and attempted an elaborate compliment. "I have seen all the shepherdesses of our Arcadian Versailles and— By the goddess of the laundry, you are not crying! The basket is very heavy. And here are actual shirts!" He looked in comic perplexity from the basket to the girl. Then he said gently, "Has no one ever told you how beautiful you are?" "Certainly you are not the first to flatter me nor the first that failed to pay me, but," she added, and her eyes filled with tears, "I had better hopes of you. Fine words will not help me."

"I know they will not. What have I that will bring 17 livres? This ring?" "But that is a wedding ring." "My mother's. And it is for my wife. It is for you." "That is a cruel jest. And I thought you were so different. You have never seen me before, but I live not far away, and I have often seen you. You are not yourself now or you would not mock me so."

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"I was never myself before," insisted Dufresnay. At this moment a stately personage appeared in the doorway and rang the bell with great vigor. Dufresnay greeted him with delight. "Is his majesty returned to Paris? No? He is well?" Turning to the girl, he said: "I am, as perhaps you know, the king's poor kinsman, as poor as he is rich. M. Ribot has been the bearer of many good gifts. Monsieur, mademoiselle is my betrothed." "Ahem! M. Dufresnay, his majesty entrusted me with this Christmas present for you—this purse of gold. 100 louis, I believe, and this commission creating you valet de chambre du roi, with a stipend of 100,000 livres per annum. I congratulate you, monsieur. As I have many other commissions to execute for his gracious majesty, I must humbly take my leave." "Present my grateful thanks and Christmas wishes to his majesty." M. Ribot made his departure with somewhat the air of one who gladly takes leave of questionable company. "May I also congratulate you, monsieur?" timidly ventured the girl. "You can pay me now," she added rather tamely. "You see my establishment—how I live. Could not the order of these apartments be improved? Will you abandon me amid such ruins? The abbe who ministers in the church yonder is my good friend." "Why, he is also my abbe!" "Wonderful! White lambs and black are alike his care. I am a most unlucky gamester. And you can give me better luck than ever came of winning. On my honor, I love you. And the abbe will be very glad to see us. Shall we not make the good old man happy?" "If you will, monsieur."—W. R. Van Deusen in New York Evening Sun.

HURRY DECORATIONS FOR VISIT OF WILSON

London Committee Working Day and Night to Complete Preparations

HASTE IS IMPERATIVE

By Associated Press Leased Wire London, Dec. 24.—The officials in charge of the decoration of the streets of London in honor of President Wilson's visit are aiming at an artistic effect as well as a brilliant color scheme. Wellington Arch at the top of Constitution Hill, will be decorated with laurel and festoons, and crowded with the American flag and the gold eagle. The central passage in the arch is only for the use of royal visitors, and President Wilson will be the first uncrowned head to pass through this part of the arch in state. Constitution Hill, whose trees preclude the erection of masts, will be lined with wounded soldiers and sailors and women of the auxiliary war movements.

The masts around Queen Victoria Memorial will alternately fly the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack. Although the line of march is to be but two miles long it will require some hurrying to get the decorations completed. Several hundred men are being kept at work, day and night and will continue through the holiday. Some idea of the magnitude of the decorations can be obtained from the list of decorations ordered, which include 40,000 feet of red cloth, many tons of moss and evergreens and six miles of festoons and pennants.

ROCKFORD GETS BASKETBALL DATE

Rockford, Dec. 24.—Rockford will be host to the basketball teams of the northern district of the state at the annual tournament, February 28 and March 1, next, providing that suitable arrangements can be made for the games which have annually been fought out on the local floor for a number of years.

The only possible obstacle might be the failure of the high school authorities to secure a lease on Armory hall, but it is confidently expected that the same arrangements that were made last year can be carried out again this season. Should a lease on Armory hall not be found available the games would be lost to Rockford, and either Freeport or Belvidere would undoubtedly be named.

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